

EASA

Decision not to adopt State of Aviation Administration Ukraine (SAAU) AD DLP-0880-12

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AD DLP-0880-12 is related to the implementation of Issue 2 of Antonov An-26 Instructions for Continued Airworthiness, No. 26.04.00.000.000 (ref. ICA Issue 2).

As part of the type design, in line with the requirements of EU 748/2012, Part 21.A.31(a)3, the airworthiness limitations section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness must be approved. However, the Antonov An-26 ICA Issue 2 has not yet been approved by EASA, as compliance with the certification requirements has not been fully demonstrated by the RTC holder.

EASA also notes that Antonov An-26 ICA Issue 2 does not contain tasks that impose more restrictive airworthiness limitations (e.g. reduced service life or reduced time between overhaul) when compared to those in the current ICA issue 1.

EASA fails to recognise how (compliance with) ICA Issue 2 would contribute to safety: extended time between overhaul does not improve continued airworthiness, nor would non-compliance with any extended times result in an unsafe condition that would warrant AD action.

Based on the available information, plus the fact that ICA Issue 2 is not (yet) approved by EASA, it has been decided not to adopt SAAU AD DLP-0880-12 for An-26 aeroplanes registered in EASA Member States.

Consequently, operators of the affected aeroplanes registered in EASA Member States are not allowed to implement the Antonov An-26 ICA at Issue 2.

Documents referred in An-26 (An-26B) aircraft Master List of design, operation and maintenance documentation (No. 26.00.05.0635.205) approved on 2^{nd} of July 2009 by the SAAU remain applicable. Consequently, Bulletin 826-BE-G (826-БЭ-Г) remains applicable to aeroplanes registered in EASA Member States.

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