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Issue date: 04 March 2004

SUBECT: PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD. – PC-12

INBOARD AND OUTBOARD FLAP FLEXIBLE SHAFTS/Replacement

1. APPLICABILITY:

PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD.

All PC-12 and PC-12/45 airplanes, Manufacturer Serial Numbers (MSN) 101 thru MSN 489 with inboard and/or outboard flap flexible shafts Part Numbers (P/Ns) 945.02.02.203 and 945.02.02.204 installed.

2. REASON:

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is prompted by occurrences on Model PC-12 and PC-12/45 airplanes where several inner drive cables of the flap flexible shafts (flexshafts) have been found to be corroded. Investigations revealed that moisture from the pressurized cabin can enter the flap flexshafts at the attachments of the actuators. This condition, if not corrected, could lead to the rupture of the flap flexshafts and as a consequence, the flap system becomes inoperative.

To prevent rupture of the flap flexshafts due to corrosion, this AD requires replacement of the flap inboard and outboard flexshafts with flexshafts of improved design that give a better protection-hose seal.

3. COMPLIANCE:

Required as indicated below, unless already accomplished:

REPLACEMENT

At the next 100 Hour/ Annual Inspection, but not later than 30 days after the effective date of this AD:

Remove flap flexshafts P/Ns 945.02.02.203 and 945.02.02.204 and install new flap flexshafts P/Ns 945.02.02.205 and 945.02.02.206.

4. SPARE PARTS:

As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install any inboard and/or outboard (blue) flap flexshafts held as spare with PNs 945.02.02.203 and 945.02.02.204, on any Model Pilatus PC-12 and PC-12/45 airplane.

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5. REF. PUBLICATIONS:

The actions required by this AD shall be done in accordance with the manufacturer's documentation listed in this paragraph, and/or later revisions approved by the Swiss Federal Office for Civil Aviation (FOCA):

PILATUS PC-12 Service Bulletin No. 27-015 Revision A, dated 13 November 2003.

The applicable manufacturer's documentation may be obtained directly from:

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