



Status on HALON contamination

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Contaminated Halon

➤ Background

- ★ UK based company delivered polluted Halon (H1211 / H1301)
- ★ 17 Customers identified
- ★ EASA / CAA UK approach individually each company involved in Aviation either as PartM /Part145
- ★ Wide variety of applications: handheld, engine, APU, cargo for General aviation, Helicopters & Large airplanes



Contaminated Halon 1211

➤ EASA global approach for Halon 1211

- ✦ Identification of the suspected batches
- ✦ Test of the suspected batches
- ✦ According to the results (purity <90%)
issuance of AD with defined applicability
(P/N, S/N)
- ✦ For all batches with 90%<purity <99%
FAA-TC Tests done with different levels of
contaminants to determine compliance time
for future ADs



Contaminated Halon 1211

- As of today, EASA has issued 7 ADs covering:
 - ✦ **Portable extinguishers FFE**
Total number of FE: around 5000
 - ✦ **Portable extinguishers Sicli H1-10 AIR (formerly General Incendie MAIP)**
Total number of FE: around 1400 FE
 - ✦ **L'hotellier**
Total number of FE: around 1800 for ATR, Eurocopter and Socata)
- Most of batches have now been tested. ADs were issued where no test results available
- New set of ADs might be issued to cover lower levels of purity depending on test results



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➤ Halon 1211 is used also on engine fire extinguishing

✦ **Fixed extinguishers L'H**

Total number of FE: around 120

➤ Risk under EASA assesment for Dassault

➤ Correctives actions in place for Eurocopter



Contaminated Halon 1301

- Level of risk is still under assessment taking into account:
 - ✦ Less toxicity impact for engines and APU
 - ✦ Purity % vs Fire suppression capability to be assessed on a case-by-case basis
 - ✦ Compliance with applicable engine fire suppression specifications
 - ✦ Decision on way forward to be taken



References

AD	Title	Releas. date	Effectiv. date	Comp.	Remark
EASA 2009-0251-E	FFE H1211 - Handheld	25.11.09	26.11.09	2d	483 units
EASA 2009-0262	FFE H1211 – Handheld-	23.12.09	29.12.09	30d	FFE ASB-26-115 2317 units
EASA 2009-0262 R1	FFE H1211 – Handheld	27.01.10	10.02.10	30d from origin	SB ASB-26-115 Revision C for S/N list – 1 more S/N
EASA 2009-0278	SICLI H1211 - Handheld	22.12.09	05.01.10	30d	1422 units
EASA 2009-0276	ATR – H1211 – Handheld – L’Hotellier	23.12.09	06.01.10	36d	SB 83521-26-001 orign issue 21.12.09 1582 units (L’Hotellier total)
EASA 2009-0276 R1	ATR – H1211 – Handheld – L’Hotellier	05.02.10	05.02.10	4m from origin	SB 83521-26-001 revision 1, 28.01.10



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EASA 2009-0277	ECF– H1211 – Handheld – L’Hotellier	23.12.09	06.01.10	36d	SB 83520-26-001 orign issue 21.12.09 1582 units (L’Hotellier total)
EASA 2009-0277 R1	ECF– H1211 – Handheld – L’Hotellier	05.02.10	05.02.10	6m from origin	SB 83520-26-001
EASA 2010-0012	SOCATA– H1211 – Handheld – L’Hotellier	05.02.10	12.02.10	3m	SB 83520-26-001, dated 21.12.09 SB 70-183(26), jan 2010 1582 units (L’Hotellier total)
EASA 2010-0061	ATR – H1211 Handheld – L’hotellier	31.03.10	14.04.10	4m from origin 4m (for new S/N)	Supersedes EASA 2009-0276 R1 with same applicability + S/N QL71732 to QL71770
EASA 2010-062	FFE H1211 – Handheld-	31.03.10	14.04.10	4m	SB 26-116



References

- **Airworthiness Communication from CAA-UK**
 - ✦ **AIRCOM 2009/13, dated 12 Oct 2009**
- **Flight Ops Communication from CAA-UK**
 - ✦ **FODCOM 30/2009, dated 12 Oct 2009**
- **Safety Information Bulletin from EASA**
 - ✦ **SIB 2009-39, dated 23 oct 2009**



Contaminated Halon/ICAO state letter

- ICAO state letter was released on 12th of January 2010
- This letter does not formally require answer
- It requires Member States « to assess halon fire extinguishing supplies and take action as appropriate »
- Based on this letter, the strategy chosen by the Agency in cooperation with the EC is the following :



Contaminated Halon/ICAO state letter / EASA position

➤ As a short term action

- ✦ The Agency has already issued an SIB to raise awareness of Air operators, AMOs, aviation suppliers and manufacturers . The SIB will be up-dated.

➤ As a mid/long term action

- ✦ Based on the recent events of falsified documents, reliance on documentation to ensure quality of halon is not enough



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- ★ **The key for quality can only be to determine the adequate test methods**
- ★ **The Agency plans to draft AMC applicable to Production Organisations and Maintenance organisations for guidance on how to perform the quality inspection of halon at incoming inspection**
- **The answer to the State letter is under drafting at the Agency/EC and will be released by the European Commission.**



Thank you