



Airworthiness Directive

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Luffahrt-Bundesamt

Airworthiness Directive Section
Hermann-Blenk-Str. 26
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GERMANY

Ribeco

Effective Date: 03 October 2002

Affected:

Kind of aeronautical product:	Air Cargo Pallets and Air Cargo Nets
Manufacturer:	Ribeco Cargo Equipment GmbH, Germany
Type:	Ribeco Air Cargo Pallets and Air Cargo Nets
Models affected:	Ribeco Air Cargo Nets with type certification: 11.401/51, 11.401/52, 11.401/53, 11.401/54 11.401/55, 11.401/56, 11.401/63, 11.401/64 Ribeco Air Cargo Nets with JTSO approval: LBA.O.11.401/76JTSO, LBA.O.11.401/77JTSO Ribeco Air Cargo Pallets with JTSO approval: LBA.O.11.400/165JTSO, LBA.O.11.400/166JTSO LBA.O.11.400/167JTSO, LBA.O.11.400/168JTSO
Serial numbers affected:	All mentioned Ribeco air cargo pallets and air cargo nets produced and released after 26 March 2002 or produced by the Chinese manufacturer Deyang Ribeco Air Cargo Equipment Co. Ltd.
German Type Certificate No.:	see under the a.m. models

Subject:

Production of air cargo pallets and air cargo nets without having the required authorisation.

Reason:

On 26 March 2002 the German manufacturer Ribeco Cargo Equipment GmbH lost the manufacturer approval JAR-21 subpart G for the production of air cargo pallets and air cargo nets. The Luffahrt-Bundesamt has received information that the Chinese manufacturer Deyang Ribeco Air Cargo Equipment Co. Ltd. has taken over the production of the German Ribeco Cargo Equipment GmbH for air cargo pallets and air cargo nets without having the required authorisation.

Air cargo pallets and air cargo nets produced under the authorisation of the Chinese manufacturer Deyang Ribeco Air Cargo Equipment Co. Ltd. have no type certification or JTSO approval because of the dubious quality control and the missing Luffahrt-Bundesamt manufacturer approval. The use of these unairworthy air cargo pallets and air cargo nets can lead to serious accidents with unsatisfactorily secured cargo.

Action:

The following actions are required by this airworthiness directive in order to prevent the mentioned risks:

1. Inspection of all Ribeco air cargo pallets and air cargo nets in service and on stock in order to detect all affected pieces. Since the Luffahrt-Bundesamt has been informed that also Ribeco air cargo pallets and air cargo nets with faked identification plates have been delivered, a specified examination of the manufacturer's delivery notes must be made when carrying out this action.
2. Retirement and marking of all affected air cargo pallets and air cargo nets so that an erroneous re-use is impossible.

Compliance:

All necessary actions must be performed immediately after the effective date of this airworthiness directive.

Technical publication of the manufacturer:

none