



## **Continuing Airworthiness Notice to the International Community (CANIC)**

**Date:**

20 July 2019

**To:**

Civil Aviation Authorities

**From:**

Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia (CASA)

**Accident / Incident Description:**

On Sunday July 14 a Swedish-registered Mahindra GA8-TC-320 aircraft was involved in an accident during a parachuting operation. The accident resulted in 9 fatalities and the aircraft was destroyed.

**Aircraft / Engine Manufacturer, Model and Series:**

Mahindra GA8 and GA8-TC-320.

The GA8 is a single engine, 8-seater including pilot, strut braced high wing aeroplane, all metal construction, fixed tricycle landing gear, fitted with a Textron Lycoming IO-540 naturally aspirated engine.

The GA8-TC-320 is similar to the GA8 but fitted with a Textron Lycoming TIO-540 turbocharged engine.

**Australian registered fleet:**

63

**Worldwide fleet (Including Australia):**

228

**Known states of registry:**

Australia, Belize, Botswana, Canada, Chile, China, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States.

**Ongoing activities:**

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority has temporarily suspended the operations of Australian registered GippsAero GA8 aircraft.

The temporary suspension will be for up to 15 days from 23:59 Hrs 20 July to 23:59 Hrs 03 August 2019 and affects all GA8 aircraft operating in Australia and all Australian registered GA8 aircraft operating overseas.

CASA has written to all Australian operators of GA8 aircraft advising them of the temporary suspension. A copy of the letter is attached.

CASA has not issued an airworthiness directive. Currently there is insufficient information available to conclude a specific unsafe condition is likely to exist on other aircraft to warrant an airworthiness directive, required under Part 39 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*. CASA has taken this action as a precautionary step pending the outcome of further investigation by Swedish authorities.

CASA will continue to co-operate with the Swedish authorities and keep the relevant parties informed, including the international community, as the situation develops including any future action that may be required.

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**Australian Government**

**Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

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20 July 2019

To registered operators of GippsAero GA8 and GA8-TC-320 aircraft

**CASA 44/19 — Temporary Prohibition of Operations (GippsAero GA8 Airvan)  
Direction 2019**

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has issued an instrument temporarily suspending the operations of Australian registered GippsAero GA8 aircraft. A copy of the instrument is attached.

The temporary suspension will be for up to 15 days from 23:59 Hrs 20 July 2019 to 23:59 Hrs 03 August 2019 and affects all GA8 aircraft operating in Australia and all Australian registered GA8 aircraft operating overseas.

This action is in response to the tragic accident on Sunday 14 July 2019 in Sweden involving a GA8-TC-320 aircraft which resulted in 9 fatalities and the aircraft being destroyed.

CASA has taken this action as a precautionary step pending the outcome of further investigation by Swedish authorities.

CASA will continue to co-operate with the Swedish authorities and keep the relevant parties informed, including the international community, as the situation develops including any future action that may be required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Carmody'.

Shane Carmody  
Chief Executive Officer and  
Director of Aviation Safety