Glider model:
ES 49 . . . . TN-No. 3
K 2, K 2b . . . TN-No. 12
K 7 . . . . . TN-No. 20
K 10A . . . . TN-No. 3

Subject:
New production series tow release couplings for aerotow and winch launch.

Serial number:
applicability:
ES 49, Data Sheet No. L-102, all serial no.s
K 2, Data Sheet No. L-140, all serial no.s
K 2b, Data Sheet No. L-201, all serial no.s
K 7, Data Sheet No. L-211, all serial no.s
K 10A, Data Sheet No. L-239, all serial no.s

Compliance:
None; applicable to new built gliders and in case of replacement of tow release couplings.

Reason:
According to the company TOST they have stopped the previous production series of the tow release couplings "Nose tow release coupling E 72/75" and "Safety tow release coupling G 72/73". These have been replaced by the new tow release coupling productions series "Nose tow release coupling E 85" and "Safety tow release coupling Europa G 88". In order to guarantee a problem-free exchange of the previous productions series against the new one, the new tow release couplings show externally almost no differences.

Action:
1. Where replacement is required or where a corresponding installation location is provided the new tow release coupling production series can be installed instead of the previous ones.

2. When this mod is accomplished, a copy of this Technical Note must be inserted as Annex into the Flight and Maintenance Manual of the glider (Operations Manuals respectively). The accomplishment of this action must be entered into the corresponding table in the manuals (the table headline reads: Additions to... Amendments to... Record or Log of Revisions ...).

Notes:
The glider owners must regard the "Operating and Maintenance Instructions" for the new production series tow release couplings issued by TOST and giving the service time until the next overhaul.

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