

Aviation Safety Bulletin

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Subject :

B747-400 D-check overdue

Background :

1. In self-audit, an operator found the periodical D-check of a B747-400 aircraft was overdue and made up right away but the operator did not report to CAA.
2. Operator explains that according to operator's past experience, their aircraft normally experienced the D-check due date of flight hour in advance of calendar day, so the controller only used computer to control the flight hour due date and caused the D-check overdue.

Recommendation :

1. The computer system of maintenance program control should be set up to effectively monitor the deadlines of all kinds of maintenance check whatever in accordance with calendar date, flight hour, flight cycles...etc.
2. Operator should take advantage of self-audit system to prevent violations of civil aviation law in advance, and report occurrences to CAA in pro-active means.