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To :
A320

Subject : SLAT SELECTION OF CONF 1 WITH OAT ABOVE 30 DEGREES

FCOM PROCEDURES NORMAL PROCEDURES STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES -
AFTER LANDING states;

*“On ground, hot weather conditions may cause overheating to be detected around the bleed ducts in the wings, resulting in **AIR L (R) WING LEAK** alert. Such warnings may be avoided during transit by keeping the slats in CONF 1, when the OAT is above 30 °C. To avoid damage on the RTL (Rudder Travel Limit Unit) mechanical stop, the SLATS/FLAPS should be retracted before all ADIRS are set to OFF simultaneously.”*

While on the ground with the auxiliary power unit (APU) in operation, it is a customary practice that refuelling necessitates the retraction of slats. This procedural step occasionally triggers an AIR L (R) WING LEAK alert. In order to pre-emptively address this situation, crew members are advised to promptly select slats in CONF 1 immediately upon the completion of refuelling, with particular emphasis on executing this action prior to the commencement of pushback. It is imperative for the crew to exercise diligence in securing ground clearance before energizing hydraulics, thereby ensuring the seamless execution of these critical operational steps.

We inquired Airbus for their recommendations. Airbus recommends keeping the slats in CONF 1 when the OAT is above 30 °C. During all ground Operations and taxi and transit. Even when APU bleed is not in use during transit. This will avoid unnecessary **AIR L (R) WING LEAK** alert. Keeping in view the high temperatures in Pakistan and the area of operations.

Crew is advised to keep Flaps 1 in all ground Operation regardless of APU use in transit . Before selecting ADIRS OFF Select the APU BLEED OFF and RETRACT FLAPS to ZERO Position, if ground temperature is above 30 °C.

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