	NTSB ID: DEN08RA132	Aircraft Registration Number: OO-NHL
	Occurrence Date: 08/02/2008	Most Critical Injury: None
	Occurrence Type: Accident	Investigated By: Foreign

Location/Time

Nearest City/Place Fretin	State	Zip Code 00000	Local Time 0835	Time Zone UTC	
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Airport Proximity:	Distance From Landing Facility:
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Aircraft Information Summary

Aircraft Manufacturer McDonnell Douglas	Model/Series MD-902	Type of Aircraft Helicopter
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Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No

Air Medical Transport Flight:

Narrative


Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:


On August 2, 2008, at 0835 coordinated universal time (1035 central European Summer Time), a McDonnell Douglas MD-902, Belgium registered OO-NHL, operated by Noordzee Helikopters Vlaanderen, experienced a separation of the right hand sliding door while in flight near Fretin, France. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident. The pilot, doctor, and nurse were not injured. The flight originated from Lille Hospital, Lille, France, and was en route to Fourmies, France.

The French investigators reported that while in cruise flight, the pilot experienced a "heavy/violent yaw to the right followed by a descent of the helicopter." At the same time, the flight nurse reported to the pilot that the right side door had separated.

The accident investigation is under the jurisdiction and control of the French government. This report is for informational purposes only and contains only information released by or obtained from the French government or Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses. Further information pertaining to this accident may be obtained from:

Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau
Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses
Zone Sud
200 rue de Paris
Aéroport du Bourget
93350 Le Bourget Cedex
France

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Landing Facility/Approach Information						
Airport Name		Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:						
Runway Surface Condition:						
Approach/Arrival Flown:						
VFR Approach/Landing:						
Aircraft Information						
Aircraft Manufacturer McDonnell Douglas		Model/Series MD-902		Serial Number		
Airworthiness Certificate(s):						
Landing Gear Type:						
Amateur Built Acft? No	Number of Seats:	Certified Max Gross Wt. LBS		Number of Engines:		
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:			
- Aircraft Inspection Information						
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours	Airframe Total Time Hours			
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information						
ELT Installed?/Type	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?				
Owner/Operator Information						
Registered Aircraft Owner		Street Address				
		City	State	Zip Code		
Operator of Aircraft NVH Noordzee Helikopters Vlaanderen		Street Address				
		City SAMU 59	State	Zip Code		
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code:			
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None						
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):						
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:			
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Non-U.S., Non-Commercial						
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Positioning						
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First Pilot Information

Name On File	City	State	Date of Birth	Age
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Sex:	Seat Occupied:	Occupational Pilot?	Certificate Number:
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Certificate(s):

Airplane Rating(s):

Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:

Instrument Rating(s):

Instructor Rating(s):

Current Biennial Flight Review?

Medical Cert.:	Medical Cert. Status:	Date of Last Medical Exam:
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- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot In Command(PIC)										
Instructor										
Instruction Received										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

Seatbelt Used?	Shoulder Harness Used?	Toxicology Performed?	Second Pilot?
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Flight Plan/Itinerary

Type of Flight Plan Filed: None

Departure Point Lille Hospital	State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time 0835	Time Zone UTC
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Destination Fourmies	State	Airport Identifier	
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Type of Clearance:

Type of Airspace:

Weather Information

Source of Wx Information:

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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
FQQ	1030		Ft. MSL	NM	Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear				Ft. AGL	Condition of Light:
Lowest Ceiling: None			Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10 SM	Altimeter: 30.01 "Hg
Temperature: 19 °C	Dew Point: 14 °C	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions			
Wind Direction: 225		Wind Speed: 19		Wind Gusts:	
Visibility (RVR): Ft.		Visibility (RVV) SM			
Precip and/or Obscuration:					

Accident Information		
Aircraft Damage: Minor	Aircraft Fire:	Aircraft Explosion

- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot				1	1
Second Pilot					
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew					
Passengers				2	2
- TOTAL ABOARD -				3	3
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -				3	3

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Jennifer S. Kaiser

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

Vincent Ecalle
French BEA