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INFORMATION LETTER

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TO: All owners and operators of Bell helicopters

SUBJECT: INTERCHANGEABILITY OF AGUSTA AND BELL MANUFACTURED PARTS

This General Information Letter supersedes Information Letter GEN-99-65

This General Information Letter is being issued due to a new manufacturing framework in place between Bell Textron Inc. (Bell) and Leonardo Helicopters (LHD) (Formerly Agusta). New parts having a Bell part number used on Agusta-Bell (AB) products, as reflected in the applicable technical publications for AB products, are eligible for installation with a FAA Form 8130-3 Airworthiness Approval Tag if the part manufacturer is Bell. Parts released by LHD with EASA Form 1 remain eligible for installation on AB products only.

LHD produced both licensed helicopters and licensed parts under a Know-How License Agreement with Bell. LHD manufactured parts may look identical to Bell produced parts; however, Bell has no configuration or quality control of LHD produced parts. Therefore, there is still a requirement to separate Bell produced parts from LHD produced parts. LHD produced parts share no FAA or Transport Canada certification privilege with Bell produced parts. No parts produced by or for LHD are eligible for installation on FAA or Transport Canada type certificated helicopters, even though the part numbers are the same. Parts manufactured by Bell that were installed on an AB product are eligible for installation on Bell products.

Parts received directly from Bell will be covered under the Bell spares part warranty. Warranty coverage for parts received from LHD will be the responsibility of LHD. LHD retains Type Certificate holder responsibilities for configuration control and applicability of superseding part numbers on AB products.

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