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Mr. Chris Carter  
Technical Representative  
American Eurocopter, LLC  
2701 Forum Drive  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052-7099

Dear Mr. Carter,

We have reviewed American Eurocopter, LLC's proposed global Alternative Means of Compliance (AMOC) with FAA Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2001-04-12 for the Eurocopter France EC120B fleet. The AMOC proposes to:

1. Extend the 5 hour time in service (TIS) initial and repetitive inspections called out in FAA AD 2001-04-12 to 25 hour TIS initial and repetitive inspections for aircraft that have incorporated Eurocopter Service Bulletin (SB) 71-003 or for aircraft with serial numbers equal to or greater than 1170, and to;
2. Terminate the 5 hour TIS initial and repetitive inspections called out in FAA AD 2001-04-12 for aircraft that have incorporated Eurocopter SB 71-005 or for aircraft with serial numbers equal to or greater than 1386.

American Eurocopter, LLC's proposed AMOC with FAA AD 2001-04-12 is FAA approved for paragraph (a) of the AD under the section entitled "Compliance:" for the EC120B fleet only.

This AMOC is transferable and will continue to apply if the aircraft is transferred to a new owner/operator.

Prior to using this AMOC, operators must notify their appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, their local FSDO.

This approval is subject to the following condition: If in the future the Rotorcraft Directorate determines that the AMOC does not provide an acceptable level of safety, the Rotorcraft Directorate may revoke or revise the terms of the AMOC following notice to the requestor and a seven-day opportunity for the requestor to comment on the revocation or proposed revocation.

Please note that this AMOC does not extend the service life of the C631A1101101 coupling tube from 1,000 hours to 20,000 hours since FAA AD 2001-04-12 does not address service life.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. J.R. Holton, Jr., at 817-222-4964.

Sincerely,

  
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Rotorcraft Directorate