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Subject: Global AMOC for AD 2012-23-07

Attachments: AD 2012-23-07 December 07, 2012 with Effective Date January 11, 2013

To all EC135 operators,

On Friday December 7, 2012 AD 2012-23-07 was issued for the Eurocopter model EC135 to include all versions except EC135 P2+ and T2+ concerning the upper and lower plain journal bearings.

This AD has errors in the identification of the Swash Plate Assembly and the Sliding Sleeve Assembly by name and part number.

In AD 2012-23-07, paragraph (a), (e) (3) and (e) (4) it references "swash plate assembly" when it should be "swash plate sliding sleeve assembly." Additionally paragraph (e) (4) states "Replacing the swash plate assembly, P/N L623M2006101, with a later designed swash plate assembly, P/N L623M2005103, constitutes a terminating action for the requirements of the AD" when it should state "Replacing the swash plate sliding sleeve assembly, P/N L623M2006101, with a later FAA approved swash plate sliding sleeve assembly constitutes a terminating action for the requirements of the AD."

The FAA has granted the attached AMOC as of January 14, 2013.

This letter is to bring to our customer's attention the correct nomenclature and part number of the affected assemblies.

Best regards,



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Dear Mr. Jones,

We have reviewed American Eurocopter, Corporation's proposed global Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) with FAA AD 2012-23-07. The AMOC points out two administrative errors in the AD. In paragraph (a), (e)(3) and (e)(4) it references "swashplate assembly" when it should be "swashplate sliding sleeve assembly." Additionally paragraph (e)(4) states "Replacing the swashplate assembly, P/N L623M2006101, with a later designed swashplate assembly, P/N L623M2005103, constitutes a terminating action for the requirements of the AD" when it should state "Replacing the swashplate sliding sleeve assembly, P/N L623M2006101, with a later FAA approved swashplate sliding sleeve assembly constitutes a terminating action for the requirements of the AD."

The FAA agrees with these comments and is in the process of revising the AD to reflect these changes. Until the revised AD is published please feel free to share this Global AMOC with you customers.

Note that the granting of this AMOC does not relieve, alter or waive any other maintenance operations required for the EC135 fleet other than those specifically mentioned herein.

This AMOC does not invalidate other similar AMOCs that have been issued.

This FAA AMOC is transferable with the aircraft to an operator who operates the aircraft under U.S. registry.

Before using this AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district/office certificate holding district office.

All provisions of AD 2012-23-07 that are not specifically referenced above remain fully applicable and must be complied with accordingly.

The Rotorcraft Standards Staff will revoke this AMOC if the Rotorcraft Standards Staff later determines that this AMOC does not provide an acceptable level of safety.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gary Roach at 817-222-5130.

Sincerely,



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