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Administration**

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Fort Worth, Texas 76137

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Michael May  
Technical Representative  
American Eurocopter  
2701 Forum Drive  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052-7009

Dear Mr. May:

The Federal Aviation Administration received your proposal dated, April 24, 2013, proposing An Alternate Method of Compliance (AMOC) to paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(7) of Airworthiness Directive 2012-25-04. This AD applies to Eurocopter France model AS350B3 helicopters with Modification 07 5601.

Paragraph (f)(1) through (f)(7) in the AD limit the maximum airspeed of the helicopter to 100 knots indicated airspeed and require inspection of the bearings for a separation, a crack, or an extrusion. If there is a separation, crack, or extrusion, before further flight replace the four bearings with airworthy bearings.

The Rotorcraft Standards Staff approves your AMOC that incorporation of modification (MOD) 07 5606 (AS350B3 Service Bulletin No. 01.00.66) is terminating action to the requirements of paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(7) of AD 2012-25-04. This AMOC is transferable with the aircraft to an operator who operates the aircraft under US 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 2012-25-04 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 we can be of further assistance, please contact Mr. Robert Grant at 817-222-5328.

Sincerely,

  
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Manager, Safety Management Group  
Aircraft Certification Service

Cc: John E. Cox, ASW-FTW-AEG-25