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Mike May
Technical Representative Field Support
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Dear Mr. May,

We have reviewed your request for a global Alternate Means of Compliance (AMOC) for Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2014-04-11 for the Airbus Helicopters (AH) models AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, D and AS355E, F, F1, F2 and N with tail rotor blade part numbers 355A12-0040-00, -01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -07, -08 all serial numbers or tail rotor blade part number 355A12-0050-04 serial numbers 8400 through 9224. This AD requires the installation of rivets to increase the security of the trailing edge tab.

AH states that the applicability of the AD includes combinations of blades and serial numbers that the rivets should not be installed. Tail rotor blade part numbers 355A12-0040-00, -01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -07 and -08 should only be modified if their serial numbers are within serial number block 8400 to 9224, inclusive. If the serial number of the tail rotor blades are outside this serial number block there is no requirement that they be modified.

AH's proposed AMOC with FAA AD 2014-04-11 is FAA approved for paragraph (a) of the AD under the section entitled "Applicability" for the model AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, D and AS355E, F, F1, F2 and N helicopters. Please share this with any of your customers for their use.

Note that the granting of this AMOC does not relieve, alter or waive any other maintenance operations required for the AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, D and AS355E, F, F1, F2 and N 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 2014-04-11 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 Ropach at 817-222-5130.

Sincerely,


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