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Subject: Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2024-04-10

Dear Mr. Mattler:

The FAA received your letter dated 04 April 2024 requesting a global AMOC to paragraph (h)(6) of AD 2024-04-10. AD 2024-04-10 was issued to address potential cracking of the tail rotor blades on certain Airbus EC135 helicopters, in response to EASA AD 2024-0028E. The AD requires repetitive inspections of certain tail rotor blades and replacement of any damaged tail rotor blade.

Since AD 2024-04-10 was issued, EASA AD 2024-0028E was revised to incorporate a revision to Airbus EASB EC135-64-11-0001 (now at issue 002). This revision includes clarification to inspection procedures and the addition of a visual inspection option for the tail rotor blades. Your AMOC proposal requested approval of the added inspection Method E (visual inspection using 200x magnification) as defined in EASB EC135-64-11-0001, issue 002 dated 2024-04-04.

The FAA approves your global AMOC proposal to use optional inspection method E as described in EASA AD 2024-0028R1 dated 15 April 2024. The provisions of previous Global AMOC letter number 733-24-00060 dated March 14, 2024, remain in effect. This AMOC is applicable to the following models: EC135P1, EC135P2, EC135P2+, EC135P3, EC135T1, EC135T2, EC135T2+, EC135T3, and EC635T2+.

The following material provides the data used to establish the level of safety which was the basis for approving the AMOC.

1. Airbus Helicopters AMOC proposal letter dated 04 April 2024
2. Airbus Helicopters EASB EC135-64-11-0001 issue 2 dated 2024-04-04
3. EASA AD 2024-0028E revision 1 dated 15 April 2024
4. Airbus Helicopters procedure MTC-20-08-05-106
5. FAA letter 733-24-00060 dated March 14, 2024; AMOC to AD 2024-04-10

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 2024-04-10 that are not specifically referenced above remain fully applicable and must be complied with accordingly.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dan McCully at [william.mccully@faa.gov](mailto:william.mccully@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

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