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INFORMATION LETTER 206L-08-85

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 206L Series Helicopters

SUBJECT: BELL MODEL 206L-1 RECENT ACCIDENT

The purpose of this Information Letter is to inform our Bell 206L series customers of a recent fatal accident that occurred in the United States. The circumstances and cause of the accident are not known at this time and an NTSB investigation is currently in progress.

The only information available at this time is that shortly after takeoff the helicopter crashed for unknown reason and a post crash fire occurred.

Bell Helicopter has offered the NTSB complete support in order to establish the cause of this regrettable accident. At this stage of the investigation, the current published Instructions for Continued Airworthiness for the Bell model 206L series helicopters are considered satisfactory to ensure safety of flight. It is important to stress the importance of adhering to the inspection requirements of the Maintenance Manual and the requirements of the Flight Manual for the pilot's preflight check.

As soon as the cause of the accident is known, Bell Helicopter will work with the regulatory agencies to take any appropriate actions necessary to maintain the safety of flight of the Bell model 206L series helicopters.