

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**

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INFORMATION LETTER 206L-99-66

**TO: All Bell 206L Series Owners/Operators and BHT-Approved
206L Series Customer Service Facilities**

SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE WITH ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN 206L-99-115

Since the initial release of Alert Service Bulletin 206L-99-115, Bell Helicopter Textron has received a substantial increase in orders for horizontal stabilizer supports. Unfortunately, this has had a drastic effect on our spare levels due to the demand being greater than predicted. BHT inventory management is evaluating options to increase the production rate and stock level of the stabilizer supports applicable to the 206L series helicopters.

Due to the shortages of parts it is highly recommended that you not start work on any more helicopters or tailbooms until parts are available. It is anticipated that parts will be available within the next 60 to 90 days. We do not have a firm recovery date for the supports, however, we will notify you when parts become available.

Bell apologizes for any inconvenience this shortage may have caused and wants to assure you we are doing everything possible to expedite the parts in order to meet your current requirements. These parts will be shipped to you as soon as they are available.