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TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 212 Series Helicopters

SUBJECT: 204-011-121-009/-121 M/R Grip Ultrasonic Inspection Of

Bell Helicopter is releasing the following Information Letter in our continuing efforts to keep owners/operators advised of the progress being made in implementing an ASB for ultrasonic inspection of 212/205B and UH1H-II Main Rotor Grips.

Many operators worldwide have contacted Bell requesting changes to our original schedule for releasing the ASB and scheduling of the ultrasonic training. Several operators and Airworthiness Authorities are unable to commit to the training program originally scheduled without the released ASB. In consideration of these facts, the ASB with an extended compliance period, will be released by the end of April. Training will follow after the ASB has been released. Bell Helicopter has received many requests for this training and the following schedule has been established based on operator responses to date. Note that these courses are intended for aircraft maintenance technicians that will be responsible for conducting and signing out the accomplishment of the ASB. The course is also intended for Ultrasonically NDT qualified Level 2 or 3 individuals that will conduct training to other maintenance technicians after completion of the course.

Fort Worth, Texas	May 20-21 and May 23-24
Mirabel Canada	May 20-21 and May 30-31
Calgary, Canada	May 27-28, May 30-31, June 3-4 and June 6-7
Amsterdam	May 27-28, and May 29-30
Abu Dhabi	June 2-3, June 4-5 and June 6-7
Singapore	June 10-11 and June 13-14

The number of courses offered at these locations may be expanded to accommodate further responses from operators and may be arranged immediately before or after the set dates stated above. Unfortunately, Bell Helicopter will be unable to offer training at other locations. Courses required at dates other than above will only be conducted at Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth and/or Mirabel, Canada. Minimum class size will be six individuals in order to conduct a training class in Mirabel or Fort Worth.

Operators who wish to have personnel attend training, but have not contacted Product Support, are urged to do so as soon as possible so that the training schedule can be finalized. Product Support will combine all requests and advise each operator of the training date they have been assigned.

Bell Helicopter wishes to thank all owners and operators for their patience and acceptance of this Ultrasonic Inspection Program.

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