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INFORMATION LETTER 206L-06-79

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 206L-3 Helicopters

SUBJECT: FLIGHT MANUAL REVISION, INTRODUCTION OF.

This Information Letter is issued to introduce Revision 7 to the Flight Manual BHT-206L3-FM-1. It also clarifies the low speed controllability capability of the 206L-3, from a certification point of view.

Bell Helicopter was informed that because the 206L-3 had not been certified for directional controllability to the current airworthiness standards 14 CFR 27, it would not be eligible to bid on USDA Forest Services support contracts. The 206L-3 was certified to the CAR 6 requirements, which preceded 14 CFR 27. This latest Revision to the 206L-3 Flight Manual approved by both TCCA and the FAA has a note added stating that the 206L-3 directional controllability meets or exceeds the requirements of 14 CFR 27.143(c) at the current amendment.

Similar to all Bell Helicopters, the 206L-3 was designed to exceed the minimum low speed controllability requirements of the Airworthiness Standards (CAR 6) in place at the time of its certification. The original 206L-3 low speed controllability certification flight test data was presented to both TCCA and the FAA to prove that it still exceeds the requirements of the latest amendment of 14 CFR 27.143(c) - the airworthiness standard in place today 25 years after the helicopter was originally certified.