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TO: All owners and operators of Bell helicopters

SUBJECT: Interchangeability of Agusta and Bell Manufactured Parts

This Information Letter is **SUPERSEDED** by Information Letter GEN-21-150.

This General Information Letter is being reissued to reinstate the Bell Helicopter Policy concerning the interchangeability of Bell manufactured and Agusta manufactured parts. Bell Helicopter Textron's policy is guided by, and for the specific purpose of complying with the U.S. and Canadian law. It is not intended to question the airworthiness or quality of Agusta products.

Agusta produces both licensed helicopters and licensed parts under a Know-How License Agreement with Bell Helicopter Textron and under the certification oversight of the Registro Aeronautico Italiano (Italy's FAA equivalent). Agusta parts generally look identical to Bell produced parts, and Agusta has agreed to "substantially conform to Bell's quality requirements"; however, Bell has no configuration or quality control of Agusta's parts.

Bell part numbered products produced by or for Agusta under this license agreement share no FAA or MOT certification authority issued to Bell Helicopter for that part. Bell has informed its suppliers that they are not authorized to produce parts for sale to Agusta under Bell Helicopter's production certificate.

Subsequently, all Bell part numbered parts produced for Agusta are required to have a prefix of "NN" in any serialization. Also, the parts must be indelibly marked with an identifying symbol or packaged in such a way that they may be identified as Agusta produced parts.

It is the intention of Bell Helicopter to clearly separate Bell produced parts from Agusta produced parts, and stress that Agusta produced parts share no FAA or MOT certification privilege with Bell produced parts. No parts produced by or for Agusta are eligible for installation on U.S. or Canadian type certificated and registered products, even though the part numbers are the same.

If you have any questions regarding the manufacturing origin of a particular serialized part, contact Bell Unapproved Parts Hotline at 1-800-BELL-250.