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INFORMATION LETTER

205-20-42
205B-20-26
212-20-70
412-20-87
412CF-20-36
16 July 2020

TO: **All owners and operators of Model 205, 205B, 212, 412, and 412CF helicopters.**

SUBJECT: **GLOBAL ALTERNATE METHOD OF COMPLIANCE (AMOC) FOR AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE (AD) 2020-12-10.**

Bell has recently introduced tail rotor blades 212-010-750 having a new serial number prefix “VL”. Following the release of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2020-12-10, Bell has received inquiries from operators with regards to the applicability of the AD to tail rotor blades having a serial number prefix “VL”.

Bell has received a Global Alternate Method of Compliance (AMOC) for AD 2020-12-10 from the FAA which is attached to this Information Letter (IL). If required, this IL can be used to obtain concurrence from your local aviation authority that this AMOC can be used as an acceptable means to comply with the AD 2020-12-10.

For any questions regarding this letter, please contact:

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**Federal Aviation
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Reference: FAA Tracking Number: AIR-7J0-080

Subject: Global Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) to Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2020-12-10

Dear Mr. Bouma:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received your request dated 6/22/2020 proposing a global alternative method of compliance (AMOC) to paragraph (a) of Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2020-12-10 for Bell models 205A, 205A-1, 205B, 212, 412, 412CF, and 412EP helicopters. Paragraph (a) states "This AD applies to Bell Textron Inc. (Type Certificate previously held by Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.) Model 205A, 205A–1, 205B, 212, 412, 412CF, and 412EP helicopters, certificated in any category, with a tail rotor (T/R) blade part number 212–010–750 (all dash numbers) installed, all serial numbers (S/Ns) except: (1) S/Ns with a prefix of ''BH''; or (2) S/Ns with a prefix of ''A'' and a number 17061 or larger."

You have requested to exclude (T/R) blades P/N 212-010-750 (all dash numbers) having a S/N with a prefix 'VL' from the applicability of this AD. Following the company name change, the serial numbers of T/R blades manufactured after July 1, 2019 have a prefix 'VL' and AD 2020-12-10 does not apply to these T/R blade serial numbers.

We have reviewed your request and supporting documentation including letter ODA-55877, dated June 22, 2020. The DSCO Branch approves your global AMOC to exclude blades, P/N 212-010-750 (all dash numbers) and S/N with a prefix of "VL" from the applicability of AD 2020-12-10.

This FAA AMOC is transferable with the aircraft to an operator that operates the aircraft under U.S. registry.

Before using this AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principle inspector, the manager of the local Flight Standards District Office/certificate holding district office.

The preceding paragraph also applies to any applicable foreign-registered aircraft upon transfer of the aircraft to the U.S. registry if compliance with the AMOC has not been accomplished.

All provisions of (AD) 2020-12-10 that are not specifically referenced above remain fully applicable and must be complied with accordingly.

This AMOC only applies to the FAA AD listed above. The FAA does not have the authority to approve this as an AMOC to any AD issued by another civil aviation authority (CAA). Approval of an AMOC to another CAA's AD must come from that CAA. A copy of this response will be forwarded to the CAA where these aircraft are registered for their consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Kuethe Harmon, Aerospace Engineer, DSCO Branch, FAA, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; phone (817) 222-5198; email: Kuethe.Harmon@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

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