

Notification of a Proposal to cancel an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 24-049-CN

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Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) Cancellation Notice (CN) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 129 of that Regulation.

In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the cancellation of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below.

All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation date indicated.

Design Approval Holder's Name:

LEONARDO S.p.A.

Type/Model designation(s):

AB206 helicopters

Effective Date: [TBD - standard: AD-CN issue date]

TCDS Number(s): EASA.R.140

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Cancellation: This Notification proposes to cancel Registro Aeronautico Italiano AD 69-20 Revision 1 dated 20 February 1969.

ATA 67 – CANCELLED: Flight Controls – Tail Rotor Control Tube – Inspection / Replacement

Manufacturer(s):

Agusta S.p.A., formerly Costruzioni Aeronautiche Giovanni Agusta S.p.A.

Applicability:

AB206A helicopters, all serial numbers.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

None.

Reason:

Occurrences of wear beyond acceptable limits have been reported on the tail rotor control tube assembly, Part Number 206-001-021-9, where the tube contacts supporting fairleads.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to the rupture of the control tube and loss of control of the tail rotor.

To address this potential unsafe condition, ENAC Italy (at that time, Registro Aeronautico Italiano (RAI)) issued AD 69-20, later revised, to require repetitive inspections for wear at points, where the control tube contacts the fairleads through the tailboom.

Since that AD was issued, the required actions have been incorporated in the AB206A/B-SERIES-MPM Scheduled Maintenance Check 5-18. Furthermore, no further in-service events have been recorded. Therefore the unsafe condition addressed by RAI AD 69-20 Revision (Rev.) 1 does not exist anymore.

For the reasons described above, this Notice proposes to cancel RAI AD 69-20 Rev. 1.

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):

None.

Ref. Publications:

Bollettino Tecnico BT206-25 Rev. A dated 11 February 1969.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD-CN will be closed for consultation on 04 June 2024.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD-CN should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
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