



EASA Safety Information Bulletin

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Subject: **Incorrect Fixed Bearings in Main Rotor and Tail Rotor Flight Control Levers - Inspection / Repair / Replacement**

Ref. Publications: Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) Germany Airworthiness Directives (Lufttüchtigkeitsanweisung - LTA) D-2008-178 and D-2008-179, published 23 May 2008, effective date 31 May 2008; and Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) EC135-67A-019 and ASB MBB BK117 C-2-67A-010, both dated 28 April 2008.

Description: The LBA of Germany has published the referenced 2 LTA's (attached as pages 2 through 5 of this bulletin) to require an inspection of the affected control levers and, in case discrepancies are found, re-bonding of the bearings or replacement of the levers, as applicable.

According to Article 205(1) of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, EASA has only taken over Member States obligations that are related to design approval. As a consequence, EASA is only authorised to issue ADs related to design approval. EASA has determined that the above referenced unsafe condition is not related to design approval, as it is the result of manufacturing non-conformity and that the type design is therefore not affected. However, this is a serious safety issue and this Safety Information has been issued accordingly. National Aviation Authorities of the EU member states may adopt the referenced LTA's under their State of Registry responsibility.

Applicability: EC135 and EC635 helicopters, all Models, all serial numbers and MBB-BK 117C-2 helicopters, all serial numbers.

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