



## EASA Safety Information Notice

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**Subject:** Agusta and Bell Helicopters - Tail rotor driveshaft (Thomas Couplings) Disc Assemblies

**Ref. Publication:** Transport Canada Airworthiness Directive (AD) CF-2007-14, CF-2007-15 and CF-2007-16; and ENAC (Italy) Emergency AD 2007-324 (copy attached).

**Introduction:** Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), the responsible authority of the State of Design for the affected type design, has determined that certain Disc Assemblies, manufactured between 1 November 2005 through 30 November 2006 and installed on Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (BHTC) Model 206 Series, 206L Series, 230, 407, 427 and 430 helicopters, may have discs of improper thickness or discs may have been indexed incorrectly. For that reason, TCCA has issued three airworthiness directives to order owners and operators to rectify this problem.

In response to TCCA AD CF-2007-16, Agusta issued Alert 'Mandatory' Bolletino Tecnico (B.T.) 206-243, addressing the same subject. The Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile (ENAC) of Italy subsequently issued AD 2007-324 to require the same actions to rectify this problem on the Agusta-manufactured Model AB206 A/B series helicopters.

According to Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 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 TCCA ADs are not related to design approval, as the unsafe condition is the result of installation of improperly manufactured parts and that the type design is not affected. However, this is a serious safety issue and this Safety Information has been issued accordingly. The National Aviation Authorities of the EU member states may adopt the referenced ADs under their State of Registry responsibility.

**Applicability:** Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (BHTC) Model 206 Series, 206L Series, 230, 407, 427 and 430 helicopters; and Agusta Model AB206 A/B series helicopters

**Recommendation:** This Safety Information Notice is for information only.

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