

has an illegible CAGE code or Code 15716 or 26098 with an FAA approved airworthy slider without a CAGE code or with a legible CAGE code other than 15716 or 26098. Any T/R slider removed from service based on the requirements of this paragraph is not eligible for installation on any helicopter.

(iv) Replacing the T/R slider with an FAA approved airworthy T/R slider without a CAGE code or with a legible CAGE code other than 15716 or 26098, constitutes terminating action for the requirements of this AD.

(b) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Contact the Manager, Denver Aircraft Certification Office (ANM-100D), ATTN: Kreg Voorhies, Aerospace Engineer, 26805 E. 68th Ave., Room 214, Denver, Colorado 80249, telephone (303) 342-1092, fax (303) 342-1088, for information about previously approved alternative methods of compliance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2004-SW-16-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### **Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., Model 600N Helicopters**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing a new Airworthiness Directive (AD) for MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) Model 600N helicopters. The NPRM proposed adding six more inspection holes in the aft fuselage skin panels and inspecting the upper and lower tailboom attachment fittings, the upper longerons, and the angles and nutplates for cracks. Also, the NPRM proposed a terminating action of modifying the fuselage aft section to strengthen the tailboom attachments and longerons. Since issuing the NPRM, we have received a report of an in-flight separation of the tailboom in the inspection area. Based on that accident and due to the critical unsafe condition, we issued a final rule; request for comments that addressed the actions

proposed in the NPRM. Accordingly, we withdraw the proposed AD.

**ADDRESSES:** This information may be examined at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon Mowery, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, Airframe Branch, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, California 90712, telephone (562) 627-5322, fax (562) 627-5210.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Discussion**

A proposal to amend 14 CFR part 39 by superseding AD 2001-24-51, Docket 2001-SW-57-AD, Amendment 39-12706 (67 FR 17934, April 12, 2002), for the MDHI Model 600N helicopters was published in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2005 (70 FR 7063). In addition to retaining various requirements of AD 2001-24-51, the action proposed installing six more inspection holes in the aft fuselage skin panels and inspecting the upper and lower tailboom attachment fittings, the upper longerons, and the angles and nutplates for cracks. Also, the action proposed a terminating action of modifying the fuselage aft section to strengthen the tailboom attachments and longerons. That action was prompted by analysis that shows that certain tailboom attachments and longerons may develop cracks. The proposed actions were intended to prevent failure of a tailboom attachment, loss of the tailboom, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

Since issuing the NPRM, we have received an additional report of an in-flight separation of the tailboom in the inspection area. After reviewing the data, we issued a final rule; request for comments (AD 2006-08-12, 71 FR 24808, April 27, 2006) to correct a critical unsafe condition. That AD, 2006-08-12, requires the necessary actions proposed in the NPRM as well as other actions necessary to correct the unsafe condition.

#### **FAA's Conclusion**

Since we issued AD 2006-08-12, which includes the necessary actions that were previously proposed, we are withdrawing the NPRM.

Withdrawal of the NPRM does not preclude the FAA from issuing another notice in the future nor does it commit the agency to any course of action in the future.

#### **Regulatory Impact**

Since this action only withdraws an NPRM, it is neither a proposed nor a final rule and therefore is not covered under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, or DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979).

#### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39**

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

#### **The Withdrawal**

Accordingly, we withdraw the NPRM, Docket No. 2004-SW-16-AD, published in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2005, 70 FR 7063, FR Doc. 05-2608, filed February 9, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2006-24954; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-30-AD]

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#### **Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-12 and PC-12/45 Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by an airworthiness authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The proposed AD would require actions that are intended to address an unsafe condition described in the MCAI.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by July 24, 2006.