

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED AIRCRAFT: Bell Helicopter Textron, Models BHT 205, 206, 212, and 412
Sikorsky Helicopter Model S-76

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Unapproved Parts Notification is to advise all owners, operators, maintenance organizations, and suppliers of parts produced without Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Production Approval.

BACKGROUND: During a suspected unapproved parts investigation, it was discovered that DODS, Inc., formerly an FAA approved repair station located at 1400 Mills Highway, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, had produced flight control surfaces, panels and other parts for the above mentioned helicopters. DODS, Inc., was only authorized to make restricted repairs to aircraft flight control surfaces and panels. DODS, Inc., did not have an FAA Production Approval. Several hundred parts are known to have been produced by DODS, Inc. Some of the parts' serial numbers are prefaced with the letters "DODS". DODS, Inc., is no longer in business.

RECOMMENDATION: Type certificated products are required to conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, maintenance organizations and parts suppliers should inspect their aircraft, aircraft records and/or parts inventory for parts produced by DODS, Inc. Appropriate action should be taken if this part is installed in an aircraft. If found in existing parts stock, it is recommended that it be quarantined to prevent installation until a determination can be made regarding the parts eligibility for installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Further information may be obtained from the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) shown below. The FAA would appreciate any information regarding the discovery of the above referenced unapproved part from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the action taken to remove it from service or stock.

This notice originated from the Baton Rouge FSDO, 9191 Plank Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, telephone (225) 358-6800, fax (225) 358-6875, and was published through the Suspected Unapproved Parts Program Office, AVR-20, telephone (703) 661-0581, fax (703) 661-0113.