SCHWEIZER SERVICE LETTER

SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE WITH AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE 99-17-10

MODELS AFFECTED: 269D Model Helicopters

REFERENCE: AD 99-17-10 and Service Bulletin DB-007

Schweizer Aircraft Corp. issued Service Bulletin DB-007 addressing a service problem with 269A6049-3 swashplate assemblies that were installed in specific serial number 269A6050-5 Tail Rotor Control assemblies or shipped as spare parts between specific dates. The problem with the subject swashplates is limited to a specific production order. All other swashplate assemblies produced prior to and after this particular production order are not affected.

The FAA has recently issued AD 99-17-10, that requires inspection of the 269A6049-3 Tail Rotor Swashplate assembly in accordance with Service Bulletin DB-007. The FAA made the inspection mandatory for all 269 series helicopters that have a 269A6049-3 swashplate installed without making any reference to the specific affected tail rotor control assembly serial numbers or the spare part shipping dates that are noted in the service bulletin. This has resulted in all swashplates requiring inspection regardless of the fact they were manufactured outside of the suspect group. The FAA has been notified of this oversight and an agreement has been reached with the FAA that if your specific parts or assemblies are not within the serial number range or shipping dates noted in Service Bulletin DB-007, you can satisfy the requirements of the AD by asking the FAA for an alternate method of compliance.

When it comes time to comply with AD 99-17-10, SAC recommends that you contact;

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and receive approval under the “Alternate Method of Compliance” to sign off the AD as not applicable due to the specific serial number of the tail rotor control assembly or spare part shipping date.

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