

Press Release

Helitrans accepts first helicopters under e-delivery process

Trondheim, 3 June 2020 – Helitrans of Norway has become the first customer to take delivery of new Airbus helicopters using the e-Delivery process devised to enable deliveries while ensuring compliance with COVID-19 health and safety restrictions.

Trondheim-based Helitrans formally accepted the latest two H125s into its fleet following a series of actions that allowed all the requirements of the normal process to be met without the need for physical meetings or travel.

The system relies on the customer accepting flight-test and inspection findings conducted by authorized Airbus staff in place of their own employees who usually perform those tasks.

Key elements include an expanded test flight including the customer acceptance tests, a video inspection of the helicopter and loose object check, disinfection of all items, and the aircraft documentation verification.

The summary information was presented via an online video conference with representatives of Airbus Helicopters, authorized dealer Østnes and Helitrans enabling the formal transfer of title to take place. Finally the helicopters were transported by road to Norway to be received by the customer at Trondheim.

Airbus Helicopters Executive Vice President of Global Business, Ben Bridge, said: “We are acutely aware of the challenges faced by our customers in the current difficult environment and we are doing all we can to support them - including maintaining scheduled deliveries. At the same time the health and safety of our employees is our number one priority. Fortunately we have built a level of trust with key customers over the years that has made this innovative process possible.”

Helitrans Managing Director Richard Andre Simonsen said: “Even at this difficult time there are critical business activities that we need to undertake and we appreciate the support of everyone involved in making this delivery happen in a safe manner. It is a reflection of our confidence in each other that we are able to do this.”

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