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Reply  
Refer To: 765-26-00012

Teri Short  
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Dear Ms. Short:

Subject: Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2026-02-01 for Airbus Helicopters EC135P1, EC135P2, EC135P2+, EC135P3, EC135T1, EC135T2, EC135T2+, and EC135T3 model variants

The FAA received your email letter dated February 5, 2026 proposing a Global AMOC to paragraph 3 of AD 2026-02-01. FAA AD 2026-02-01 requires a one-time inspection of the tail rotor drive shaft flexible coupling axial displacement, and depending on the findings, corrective actions for all EC135P1, EC135P2, EC135P2+, EC135P3, EC135T1, EC135T2, EC135T2+, and EC135T3 model variants.

The FAA approves your Global AMOC proposal to paragraph 3 of AD 2026-02-01 to update the aircraft serial number effectivity, limiting it to helicopter SN 0001 up to and including 2212. This update provides an acceptable level of safety as aircraft with SN 2213 and onwards have had the installation of the flexible coupling.

The following limitations apply to this AMOC:

1. This FAA AMOC is transferable with the aircraft to another owner/operator who operates the aircraft under U.S. registry.
2. Before using this AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.
3. All provisions of FAA AD 2026-02-01 that are not specifically referenced above remain fully applicable and must be complied with accordingly.

4. This AMOC only applies to the FAA AD listed above. The FAA does not have the authority to approve this as an AMOC to any AD issued by another civil aviation authority (CAA). Approval of an AMOC to another CAA's AD must come from that CAA. A copy of this response will be forwarded to the CAA where these aircraft are registered for consideration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact George Weir, Aviation Safety Engineer, by telephone at (817)-222-4045, or by email at [george.a.weir@faa.gov](mailto:george.a.weir@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

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