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Corresponding foreign Airworthiness Directive(s): Not applicable		Airworthiness Directive(s) replaced: UF-2006-040		
Person in charge of airworthiness: EUROCOPTER		Type(s): EC 120 helicopters		
Type certificate(s) No. 189 TCDS No 189				
ATA chapter: 62	Subject: Grounding of spherical thrust bearings			

1. EFFECTIVITY:

EUROCOPTER EC 120 B helicopters equipped with spherical thrust bearing reference: "7050A3622036" with serial numbers LK0130, LK0142, LK0155, LK0158.

2. REASON:

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) follows upon the discovery of a batch of spherical thrust bearings which prove to be unfit for flight.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

The following measures are rendered mandatory as from the effective date of this AD:


- With reception of present AD, the spherical thrust bearings listed in paragraph 1 above are prohibited for flight.

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATION:

EC 120 B EUROCOPTER Alert Telex No 04A006
 (Any further approved revision of this AT is acceptable).

5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon receipt of the Emergency AD as from January 27, 2006.

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6. REMARKS:

This AD has been the subject of an emergency diffusion on January 27, 2006.

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7. APPROVAL:

This AD is approved under EASA reference No 2006-036-E dated January 30, 2006.