

HELICOPTERS DIVISION

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION LETTER

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DATE: May 10, 2021

REV.:

To: Leonardo Helicopters products

Owners / Operators / Service Centres

**SUBJECT:** Bird Strike Risk Mitigation in Rotorcraft Operations

Helicopters Affected: All Leonardo Helicopters civil registered products

## Dear Customer,

With the present letter Leonardo Helicopters (LH) wishes to inform its Community about the Safety Information Bulletin (SIB 2021-07) issued by European Union Safety Agency (EASA) on Bird Strike Risk Mitigation in Rotorcraft Operations.

Based on the observation that EU helicopters have little ballistic protection and only 10% of the EU helicopter fleet have been certified with the bird strike requirement CS29.631, EASA has issued the SIB in order to provide the helicopters community with recommendations to improve its bird strike safety procedures.

LH recommends all involved operators to review and implement, as deemed necessary, the recommendations included in SIB 2021-07, with main focus on Safety Management System, Pre-Flight Planning and In-Flight Procedures activities.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to refer to the point of contact provided with the Customer Support & Training Worldwide Directory, available on Leonardo Customer Portal at this link.

Yours Sincerely,

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Head of Product Support Engineering