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## INFORMATION LETTER 47-80-3

TO: All Model 47 Type  
Helicopter Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: TAIL ROTOR ASSEMBLY - SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

In December 1979, Bell issued two Alert Service Bulletins to all known commercial owners/operators of Model 47 type helicopters. These are:

<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
47-79-3	12-4-79	Tail Rotor Blade, P/N 47-642-102 (All Dash Numbers), Mandatory Retirement Life Reduction.
47-79-4	12-4-79	Installation of Tail Rotor Hub and Blade Assembly, P/N 47-641-170.

These bulletins established mandatory safety requirements:

<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
47-79-3	Reduce 47-642-102 blade life to 300 hours from 600 hours.
47-79-4	Install new 206 type tail rotor assembly by July 1, 1980 or January 1, 1981, dependent upon the model.

We are writing this special notice to once again emphasize the safety considerations of these bulletins to Model 47 registered owners/operators. The F. A. A. has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, Airworthiness Docket Number 67-SW-68, on these two Alert Service Bulletins.

We wish to emphasize, also, the importance for "public aircraft" owners/operators to be aware of and to incorporate the requirement of these bulletins. "Public aircraft", in most cases, are surplus military helicopters operated for "public" purposes by local or National government agencies. Some "public aircraft" operators contend they are not required to incorporate A. D.'s or comply with A. S. B.'s. For reasons of safety, Bell Helicopter urges each owner/operator of a "public aircraft" to comply with these A. S. B.'s and, if issued, A. D.'s.

If you have any questions, or requests, about this letter or the bulletins, please contact Bell Helicopter Textron, Product Support Department, phone (817)280-3334.