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**INFORMATION LETTER GEN-10-119**

**TO: All Bell Helicopter Owners/Operators**

**SUBJECT: Applicability of Bulletins after incorporation into the Maintenance Manual.**

Occasionally, Product Support Engineering receives inquiries with regards to the applicability of bulletins after incorporation into the Maintenance Manual. Most often the question relates to new recurring inspection requirements introduced by Alert Service Bulletin.

This Information Letter is issued to clarify the applicability of bulletins after the intent has been incorporated into the Maintenance Manual. Unless otherwise specified, once an inspection introduced by ASB has been incorporated into the Maintenance Manual, this ASB is superseded by the Maintenance Manual; therefore, the ASB no longer requires accomplishment or sign-off in the helicopter records.

In order to avoid ambiguity in the inspection requirement and ensure proper transition from the ASB to the Maintenance Manual, a detailed entry should be made in the helicopter records to indicate that the ASB is superseded by the Maintenance Manual. An example of a record entry could be:

*ASB 212-08-130 superseded by BHT-212-MM-1 chapter 5 Rev. 11 page 124A "SPECIAL INSPECTIONS" paragraph 5-22A EACH 100 HOURS OF MAIN ROTOR BLADE OPERATION.*

It is important to note that the incorporation of an ASB into the Maintenance Manual does not affect the applicability of Airworthiness Directives issued by the Aviation Authorities for a same subject.