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8/18/2017

To: FAA
Attn: Eric Jones, Tom Johnson, Denis Schweighart

SUBJ:

OpSpec A160, Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) Operations without a Radio
Altimeter for Part 135 Rotorcraft

Bering Air Inc. would like to formally request that N644CH and N998TP be added to our deviation letter from FAA part 135.160 that states Radio Altimeters be installed in rotorcraft prior to April 24, 2017.

Bering Air operates MD500, UH-1H and Robinson R44 type helicopters.

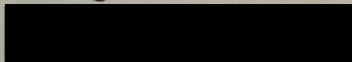
We are requesting that the deviation letter apply to all Robinson helicopters in the Bering Air fleet.

The Robinson helicopters operated by Bering Air are operated under "Day VFR" conditions only, are under 2950 max gross weight, and have insufficient panel space for the Radio Altimeter equipment.

Your consideration and timely response is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Russell Rowe
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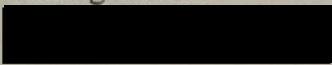
Bering Air operates MD500, UH-1H and Robinson R44 type helicopters.

We are requesting that the deviation letter apply to all Robinson helicopters in the Bering Air fleet and not be "N" number specific.

The Robinson helicopters operated by Bering Air are operated under "Day VFR" conditions only, are under 2950 max gross weight, and have insufficient panel space for the Radio Altimeter equipment.

Your consideration and timely response is appreciated as there is a significant lead time and cost to acquire Radio Altimeter equipment.

Sincerely,

Russell Rowe
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Schweighart, Denis (FAA)

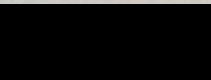
From: Johnson, Thomas P (FAA)
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:30 PM
To: Russell; David; Fen Kinneen
Cc: Schweighart, Denis (FAA); Jones, Eric L (FAA)
Subject: N8900.405 OpSpec A160, Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) for Part 135 Rotorcraft Operations Without a Radio Altimeter
Attachments: N8900_405.pdf

Notice 8900.405 is attached. According to the Notice, the R44 will only be allowed the deviation if you can substantiate that there is not room on the panel or in the aircraft for the RA. And the MD500 will need an exemption from FAA HQ.

Sincerely,

Tom Johnson

Principal Operations Inspector, Bering Air
Polaris Certificate Management Office



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Edit Action: Other **CH/A: FXTA - BERING AIR INC**

Action Details

Action Type:	Other	Source Assessment:		Date Created:	03/02/2017
Specialty:	Operations	Submitter:	Johnson, Thomas	Status:	Closed
Label:	2.3.1 (OP) Appropriate Operational Equipment	Updated By:	Johnson, Thomas	EIR:	

Action Justification

Explanation: IAW N8900.405, CH can apply for deviation to 14 CFR Part 135.160. CH sent request for deviation for 2 each R44s: N4237W and N4139M. CH provided justification that there is not enough room in the aircraft panel for the Radio Altimeter and that their operation is only DAY VFR. Coordinated with PAI for the deviation. He agrees to let them have it. Coordinated with PMI who was already in Nome to verify that there was not enough room in the panel for the RA in both aircraft. Pictures are attached. This deviation will be granted IAW with N8900.405 and paragraph A160 will be issued in WebOPSS

Comments

Due Date: 06/02/2017 **Due Date Change Reason:**

Close Date: 06/29/2017 **Closure Justification:** OpsSpec A160 issued

SAS Menu

AITT Record List

CH/A: All

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Add Action **Add Sub-Action**

Action Type

Element DA (EDA)

Other

Other

Other

Element PA (EPA)

Other

PROGRAM TRACKING AND REPORTING SUBSYSTEM DATA SHEET

One PTRS Record Required for Each Unit of Work as defined in the PPM

SECTION I - Transmittal

Inspector Name Code: TPJ

Record ID:AL09201701501	Activity Number:1865	FAR:
NPG:	Status(POC):C	Callup Date:
Start Date:2/24/2017	Results (ACEFISTX) :C	Closed Date: 3/10/2017
Designator:FXTA	Affiliated Designator:	OTNA:
Aircraft Reg #:	Loc/Departure Point:	Loc/Arrival Point:
Flight #:	Complaint#:	Occurrence #:
Make-Model-Series:	Incident #:	
Simulator/Device ID:	EIR #:	
Non-Cert Activity Name/Company:	Accident #:	
Airman Cert#:	Name:	
Examiner Cert#:	Name:	
Applicant Cert#:	Name:	
Rec Instructor Cert#:	Name:	
Pass/Fail:	Exam Kind:	8430-13#/8430-24#:
Tracking:	Miscellaneous:	Numeric Misc:
Local use:	Regional use:	National Use:RAD/ALT
Activity Time:	Assessment:	Travel Cost:0
Triggers Activity Number:1865	Repeat Number:	Geographic? Yes ☐ No ☒ Foreign? Yes ☐ No ☒

Section II - Personnel (unlimited)

Personnel Name	Position	Base	Remarks (23 characters)

Section III - Equipment (unlimited)

Manufacturer	Model	Serial #	Remarks (23 characters)

SECTION IV - COMMENT (unlimited)

Primary Area	Key Word	Opinion	Comment Text (unlimited length)
H	643	I	2/28/17: Received letter of request from CH for deviation from 135.160. CH did not want the request to be N number specific, but to apply to all R44 aircraft now and in the future. I explained to the helicopter CP that the deviation is done on a case-by-case basis since we need to see that each aircraft panel does not have room to install the RA. With the help of a helicopter ASI in AL03, I suggested to CH to fill out form 7711-2 and put the specific N numbers in that he is requesting.
			3/1/17: Received form with the following N numbers for the request for
Date:	Originator:	Office:	
Inspector Signature:	Supervisor Initials:		

SECTION IV - COMMENT (cont'd)

Primary Area	Key Word	Opinion	Comment Text (unlimited length)
H	643	I	deviation:
			N4237
			N4138M
			3/2/17: PMI took pictures of the inside of each aircraft to show that there
			is no room in the panel to install the RA. After looking thru the CH's GOM
			and training manual, it is noted they address flat light, whiteout, and
			reduced visibility in the Basic Indoc and helicopter specific curriculums
			and Operations procedures in GOM Ch 6 Cold Weather.
			3/10/17: Issued OpsSpec A160 for the LODA. This task is closed.

