

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED AIRCRAFT

All aircraft.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this notification is to advise all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, and parts suppliers and distributors regarding parts sold with falsified documentation.

BACKGROUND

A joint suspected unapproved parts investigation conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service revealed that Amanullah Khan (aka Wali Merchant) and Ziad Jamil Gammoh, operating as United Aircraft & Electronics (UAE), 1140 N. Kraemer Avenue, Suite H, Anaheim, CA 92806, falsified documents associated with the sale of aircraft parts.

Beginning January 2000, UAE sold surplus or used aircraft parts as new parts with falsified certificates of conformance, invoices, and FAA Forms 8130-3 (Airworthiness Approval Tags). UAE added false dataplates, stamps, and serial numbers to reworked parts.

Examples of the parts sold by UAE include:

- Bell Helicopter ***grip assemblies***, part no. 204-011-728-19, with false dataplates indicating that the parts were part no. 205-011-711-101.
- Reworked ***turbine vanes and blades*** with counterfeit Pratt & Whitney stamps and packaging.
- ***F-16 end aft dummy loads***, part no. 16E3564-1, with falsified Alcoa certificates of conformance.
- Bell Helicopter 214 ***wear sleeves***, part no. 214-040-867-101, sold with falsified Bell Helicopter Textron invoices.

Note: Evidence indicates that these are only some of the parts that UAE may have sold with falsified documentation; therefore, all parts purchased from UAE should be considered suspect.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Regulations require that type-certificated products conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, maintenance organizations, and parts suppliers and distributors should inspect their

aircraft, aircraft records, and/or parts inventories for any parts purchased from UAE, or parts with documents signed by Amanullah Khan (aka Wali Merchant), Ziad Jamil Gammoh, or Oscar Munoz.

All parts purchased from UAE should be considered suspect and quarantined to prevent installation until a determination can be made regarding each part's eligibility for installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information concerning this investigation and guidance regarding the above-referenced parts may be obtained from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) or the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) given below. In addition to the above recommendations, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of the parts, the means used to identify the source, and the action taken to remove any part from service.

For additional information, contact the FAA Los Angeles MIDO, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712-4137, telephone (562) 627-5291, fax (562) 627-5319 or the FAA Long Beach FSDO, 5001 Airport Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Long Beach, CA 90815, telephone (562) 420-1755, fax (562) 420-6765. This notice was published through the FAA Suspected Unapproved Parts Program Office, AVR-20, telephone (703) 668-3720, fax (703) 481-3002.