

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED AIRCRAFT: All aircraft.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Unapproved Parts Notification is to advise all owners, operators, maintenance entities, and parts suppliers that a large number of surplus aircraft parts have been imported from a foreign military source without documentation attesting to conformity or condition.

BACKGROUND: During a suspected unapproved parts investigation it was discovered that International Logistics Network Technologies, Inc., (ILN), 21040 Osborne Street, Canoga Park, CA, 91311, formerly of Chatsworth, CA, has been selling numerous aircraft parts that may not conform to their type design. These suspected unapproved parts were obtained by ILN from a foreign military source without documentation to the parts' condition nor traceability to an FAA-approved manufacturing process. ILN has been representing these parts as being in new unused condition. Twenty parts obtained during the investigation were tested and determined not to meet type design. Some of these parts are considered flight safety critical parts.

RECOMMENDATION: Regulations require that type certificated products conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, maintenance organizations and parts suppliers should inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventories for parts purchased directly from ILN or from another source that may have obtained parts from ILN. Any referenced parts that have been purchased from ILN should be inspected for traceability to ensure that the parts conform to current approved standards and technical data. Advisory Circular (AC) 20.62D, Eligibility, Quality and Identification of Aeronautical Parts, may be used for guidance in inspecting the parts. If any suspect parts are found, please notify FAA Inspector Thomas Tucker at the Dallas Flight Standards District Office, (214) 902-1800, or Special Agent Cathy Stewart at the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, (817) 543-4354, ext. 241.