

SUSPECTED UNAPPROVED PARTS INFORMATION

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Pilatus Aircraft Company Ltd., Stans, Switzerland as the Type Certificate Holder for the Pilatus PC-6/B series aircraft informed Swiss FOCA that it had detected the presence of certain parts on the market that are suspected to have been manufactured and released using procedures that are not in conformity with the approved standards.

Please inform the operators of Pilatus PC-6/B series aircraft and the respective maintenance agencies and parts dealers to verify their records and stocks in accordance with the information below.

- If these checks reveal the installation of such parts on an aircraft, they must be replaced immediately with airworthy parts of a known good source with appropriate traceability as soon as practicable.
- If parts of unknown origin are discovered in a stock, they are not to be used on an aircraft before it has been ascertained that they conform with the aircraft type design and can be traced to the manufacturer.

Pilatus PC-6/B series structural parts manufactured by unknown source without approval

The manufacturer has detected counterfeit parts on the market with the following part numbers that were manufactured without its approval and apparently without drawings:

- 6504.0156.52 Engine cowling assy. top forward
- 6504.0157.52 Engine cowling assy. lower forward
- 6504.0145.00 Engine cowling assy. rear
- 6201.1406.51 Engine forward fuselage fitting (nose section)

These parts do not carry any manufacturer's identification markings or inspection stamps, they are not in conformity with the manufacturer's drawings, have a bad fit and show deformation, wrinkles, missing or improperly executed riveting and repairs while allegedly being newly manufactured.

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Should any of these parts be discovered in your country, please inform FOCA as soon as possible.

We thank you for taking the appropriate action.

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