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An operator reported a 369D21100-523 main rotor blade with a major crack through the skin extending to the leading-edge spar (reference NTSB Final Report CEN24LA358, FAA Airworthiness Directive 2005-21-02, and MDH Service Bulletin 369D-201R2). The NTSB noted there was no documented logbook entry of the previously completed paintwork as required under 14 CFR 43.9.

In compliance with MD Helicopters approved 14 CFR Part 5 Safety Management System (SMS) and NTSB suggestions, MD Helicopters is issuing this OSN to emphasize the requirement to document in the aircraft logbook, per 14 CFR 43.9, whenever any paintwork is performed on rotor blades or any other component of MD Helicopters aircraft.

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