



# LATVIA ORDERS ADDITIONAL LEONARDO HELICOPTERS FOR STATE BORDER GUARD

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- **Contract also includes an option for an additional unit and aircrew/maintenance technician training services**
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**Leonardo** is pleased to announce that the **State Border Guard of Latvia** has signed a contract for two **AW119Kx** single engine helicopters plus option for an additional unit, customised configuration and aircrew/maintenance technician **training services**. The aircraft will be delivered from the Company's facility in **Philadelphia** in 2019 and will perform a wide range of missions including **search and rescue (SAR), transport, firefighting and disaster relief**; replacing two ageing AB206B JetRangers.

This order marks a further expansion of the **State Border Guard's fleet of Leonardo helicopters**, adding to two **AW109 Power** light twins which have been successfully in service for the last ten years. The **AW119Kx** was chosen following a thorough assessment of competing types within the framework of the Ministry of the Interior's helicopter fleet modernisation programme. The combination of **AW109 Power** and **AW119Kx** helicopters will boost the State Border Guard's mission capabilities and versatility for round-the-clock day/night operations.

The **AW119Kx** is a best in class single engine helicopter featuring a state-of-the-art avionics system for enhanced situational awareness, mission effectiveness and safety. The **AW119Kx** has a large cabin able to accommodate up to six passengers and redundancy of all critical systems that are typically available on twin engine aircraft, ensuring outstanding safety.

**Nearly 300 AW119 helicopters have been ordered to date in almost 40 countries by over 120 customers.** The new **AW119Kx** is perfectly suited to perform many roles including law enforcement, EMS, utility, fire-fighting, VIP/Corporate transport, training and government duties. Several law enforcement operators in the USA, China, Republic of Korea, Finland, and Brazil, to name a few, have already chosen the AW119.

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