



SAFETY ALERT 05/2016

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SUBJECT:

USE OF SAFETY INFORMATION PRODUCED BY ENTITIES OTHER THAN GCAA

REFERENCE PUBLICATION:

CAR PART X

CATEGORY:

Recommendation

REASON:

To encourage organisations to enhance their SMS by considering safety information issued by entities other than the GCAA

APPLICABILITY:

Organisations approved/certified by the GCAA

DESCRIPTION:

As per CAR PART X, concerned organisations should identify hazards through proactive methodologies or as result of accident or incident investigation, and where practical through predictive methodologies.

Identification of hazards could be facilitated through internal or external sources. CAR PART X provides examples of data sources such as review or study of investigation reports, research papers or publications issued by various recognised aviation safety bodies.

This Safety Alert is issued to encourage organisations having an SMS to:

- a) enhance their effectiveness by considering safety information produced by sources other than the organisations' internal system or the GCAA; and
- b) use the information collected under a) above to develop an knowledge base under the safety promotion component of their SMS. The GCAA during its oversight audits may request concerned organisations to show evidence of activities recommended by this Safety Alert.



RECOMMENDATION:

Organisations should ensure that their SMS collects and analyses information produced by external sources (in addition to internal sources) to identify hazards within their system and then arrest or mitigate them unless:

- the action to be taken contradicts any disposition, condition, requirement or recommendation that has been stipulated and/or imposed by the GCAA or the UAE Civil Aviation Law; and
- the management of change function of the SMS determines that the information is irrelevant to the organisation.

Examples of external sources of safety information recognised by the GCAA are:

- Civil Aviation Authorities such published US FAA Info, EASA SIB, UK CAA Informative Notice, etc...
- Manufacturer such as Airbus SIL, Boeing MoM, etc...
- Investigation Authorities such US NTSB, UK AIB, French BEA, Canadian TSB, Australian ATSB, ect...
- Any other international bodies that may generate data and/or information suitable to the need of the organisations such as IATA, Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST), Eurocontrol Skybrary, etc...

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