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Subject: Access to documents request - Helicopter Accident Reports

Reference: Your e-mail request dated 4 April 2018

Dear Mr Ramsay,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 4 April 2018, in which you request access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. The scope of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 was extended to documents held by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) by Art. 58 para. 1 of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008².

You request access to accident reports involving helicopters, with particular interest in accidents in which any of the following type of scenarios might have occurred: tip-over of the helicopter from the helideck, helicopter sliding on the helideck, helicopter crashes during take-off, or helicopter crashes during landing.

Your request is unfortunately not sufficiently precise and no search for reports can be run that would provide a meaningful result. Therefore, you may wish to clarify and target more precisely your request (e.g. helicopter type, timeframe, location of occurrence, language, meaning of the word "crash").

In addition, kindly note that accidents and serious incident are investigated by the safety investigation authorities of the location of the event. The investigation reports are made publicly available by those authorities in accordance with the standards of Annex 13 to the Convention on the Civil Aviation. This principle is also adopted by Regulation (EU) No 996/2010³ regulating the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents of civil aviation in the European Union.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145 of 31 May 2001, p. 43)

² Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (OJ L 79 of 19.3.2008, p.1)

³ Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation and repealing Directive 94/56/EC (OJ L 264, 8.10.2011, p. 25-27),

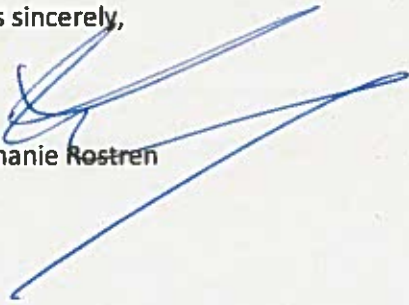
The abovementioned regulation also establishes the European Network of Civil Aviation Safety Investigation Authorities (ENCASIA) constituting an independent grouping of the 28 civil aviation safety investigation authorities of the EU Member States. The ENCASIA website contains further information on the member safety investigation authorities, including a link to their website where you can find the published reports of your interest.

You can access the ENCASIA website on the following address:

https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/encasia_en

I trust this information will be helpful and stay at your disposal in case of further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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