

EASA
Safety Recommendation Reply

Recommendation SWED-2011-004 received on 30/06/2011

Subject:	Accident to PIPER PA32R, registration SE-IDT, on 01/10/2010, at Älvsbyn/Högheden Airfield, BD County, Sweden
Safety Recommendation:	It is recommended that EASA ensure that safe methods to identify and abort an unsafe visual approach, at an earlier stage (i.e. 300 feet) than that provided in appendix 9, part 4 of the proposed PART-FCL, be included in future training plans for flight training.
Response:	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 1178/2011 of 03 November 2011 related to civil aviation aircrew includes, in Appendix 9 details of the training, skill tests and proficiency checks for Multi-crew Pilot licence (MPL), Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL), type and class ratings and proficiency checks for Instrument Ratings.</p> <p>The flight test tolerances provided with every proficiency check in Appendix 9 do not exclude test scenarios as described in the Safety Recommendation. The practical exercise in Section 4 (e.g. exercise/test item 4.6 for single-pilot aeroplanes) requires a go-around at minimum height as a mandatory check item. It is up to the discretion of the examiner to decide at which altitude this exercise will be flown. As a general principle for all approaches the candidate has to demonstrate good judgement and airmanship. This means also that the abort of an approach might be initiated at an earlier stage.</p> <p>During the initial flight training the training syllabus already includes different exercises focussing on the landing techniques and possible problems during visual approaches. Some examples are provided in EASA Executive Director (ED) Decision 2011/016/R published on 15 December 2011, on civil aviation aircrew:</p> <p>AMC 1 to Appendix 3 provides in chapter A "ATP integrated course: aeroplanes" several exercises to provide pilots with the necessary knowledge [see (d)(1) phase 1 and (d)(2) phase 2].</p> <p>AMC1-FCL.210.A related to flight instruction for the private pilot licence aeroplanes provides in Exercise 13 "Circuit Approach and Landing" (with a specific sub-category missed approach/go-around/mislanding) and in Exercise 12/13E "Emergencies" (with a sub-category for mislanding/go-around/mislanded approach) several exercises to provide pilots with the necessary knowledge and skill.</p> <p>In addition, AMC1-FCL.235 related the content of the skill test for the Private Pilot Licence PPL(A) contains a test item called "go-around from low height" [see Section 4 item (f)].</p> <p>The Agency therefore considers that this Safety Recommendation has been addressed in the above-mentioned rules and no further rulemaking action is required.</p>
Status:	Closed - Agreement