

Swedish Transport Agency

SHK's assessment of the Swedish Transport Agency's response to recommendations (SHK report RL 2015:11)

On 25 June 2015, the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) published report RL 2015:11 regarding an accident involving helicopter SE-JKJ in Kungsängen. The report issued two recommendations to the Swedish Transport Agency.

The Swedish Transport Agency has responded to the recommendations and reported on the measures that have been taken or will be taken.

One recommendation concerned the use of appropriate means to inform the sector of which forms of foiling aircraft are permitted (RL 2015:11 R3). Such information has been provided to the sector. SHK deems the recommendation to have been implemented.

The other recommendation concerned the development of supervisory methods with the purpose of ensuring maintenance programmes (AMP) based on the latest data from the type certificate holders (RL 2015:11 R2). The Swedish Transport Agency has reported its planned measures to inform the sector and the approval holders about the responsibility of CAMO or the owner (the party responsible for airworthiness) regarding individual adaptation of the maintenance programme and about the responsibility of the maintenance body to report erroneous instructions to the party responsible for airworthiness.

SHK notes that by bringing the attention of the actors concerned to the contents of the regulations, it might be possible to improve compliance with the regulations, which is deemed able to have a positive effect on flight safety. However, the Swedish Transport Agency has not commented on the extent to which its own supervisory methods could be developed. The Swedish Transport Agency thus does not appear to have the intention to consider taking any forms of supervisory measures – to a greater extent than previously or otherwise – in order to check that maintenance programmes (AMPs) are individually adapted and updated. In light of this, SHK deems the recommendation to have been only partially implemented.

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