

STATEMENT

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Final report RO 2017:01 from the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority

Background

The final report RO 2017:01 from the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority contains recommendations for implementation by the Swedish Work Environment Authority.

The Work Environment Authority's methods that are used in the market surveillance of machinery are continuously revised as and when we become aware of new circumstances. A very large number of accidents and incidents that occur every year in Sweden and abroad constitute an important evidence base for this work. It is therefore natural that the Work Environment Authority, in the event of any forthcoming market surveillance activities that become pertinent in future, reviews and develops our check-list for wind turbines. This has been specifically produced for wind turbines following discussion with experts in this field.

It is possible for the Work Environment Authority to request that both manufacturers and facility owners ensure that the necessary self-monitoring is conducted in order to ensure that wind turbines comply with the applicable rules. This applies both when they are placed on the market and throughout the entire period they are in operation and the entire period they constitute a workplace.

The Work Environment Authority intends to initiate a separate case concerning Vestas' wind turbines, with the Work Environment Authority requesting that the deficiencies described in the report from the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority be addressed at existing and future wind turbines.



Decision-making

The statement has been adopted by Director-General Erna Zelmin-Ekenhem. Also participating in the final administration were Ywonne Strempl, head of department, Monica Torgrip, head of unit, and Eva Bernmark, MScEng.

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