

The Swedish Government's response to SHK's recommendation in the report RM 2015:02

On 28 September 2015, the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) published a final report (RM 2015:02) into a serious incident in which a JAS 39 Gripen was close to colliding with a mast. SHK made one safety recommendation to the Swedish Government in this report.

It was recommended that the Government clarify responsibility for the obstacle database and responsibility for the Aeronautical Information Service and ensure that action is taken as soon as possible with the purpose of ensuring that both existing and future information on obstacles for the needs of both civil and military aviation fulfil the quality requirements and other requirements laid down in the ADQ regulation.

The Government Offices of Sweden (Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation) responded to the recommendation in a letter that was received by SHK on 28 January 2016.

The Government Offices has subsequently supplemented its response by telephone on 15 December with the following statement.

The Government has stated in the Budget Bill for 2017 that LFV will primarily receive funding for an update to the obstacle database from the Swedish Transport Administration's appropriation. The remaining portion of this work is being financed by the Swedish Armed Forces. The respective proportions for civilian and military aviation have been assessed at 70 and 30 per cent.

The question of whether there is a need for clarification of responsibilities, including responsibility for supervision, is being investigated within the Government Offices, with a focus on dealing with this matter promptly.

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