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**Safety Recommendation:**

Aer Lingus should review its training programs and procedures to ensure that its flight crew are familiar with the use of levelling off procedures and the risks associated with manual flight control input during high altitude operations.

**Response:**

May 2017

Aer Lingus responded to the AAIU on 6 May 2017 by Email and advised as follows:

“A review was conducted by the Aer Lingus Manager Training & Standards and the Chief Instructor Airbus. Training programmes for both A320 and A330 types during 2015 and subsequent years included training in high altitude handling and in the appropriate use of the auto-flight guidance and management control systems on the aircraft. In subsequent years, Aer Lingus has continued to develop high altitude handling training and in conjunction with Airbus and ICATEE (International Committee for Aviation Training in Extended Envelopes) and has produced an extensive Upset Prevention and Recovery Training Programme, which includes extensive High Altitude Simulator and e-learning Training modules. In addition, [Aer Lingus] Type rating Courses have been continuously developed to include these and related elements...”

Aer Lingus also advised that a number of simulator sessions also focus on High Altitude handling, including;

“Timely & Appropriate Intervention (Note: This includes training on the most appropriate methods including ‘Push to level Off’ / Use of ‘VS 0’ – use of Automation vs Manual control)”.

**AAIU Comment:**

Associated material in support of this response was provided to the AAIU. The AAIU considers the status of this safety recommendation as "Implemented/Closed"