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Safety Recommendation:

United Airlines should review its Operations Manual to ensure that the procedures associated with the preservation of Flight Recorders following an Accident or Incident are in accordance with the provisions of ICAO Annex 6.

Response:

6 October 2016:

United Airlines has reviewed our Flight Operations Manual (FOM) for alignment with ICAO Annex 6 guidance. The current language is in compliance; however, in accordance with United Airlines' Flight Operations Safety Management System, language for requests made by governing authorities is being strengthened for further clarification.

The August 26, 2016 FOM will state in the VOICE AND FLIGHT RECORDERS section:

“In the event of an incident, accident, or at the request of a governing authority to protect the recording (e.g., pulling of the recorder Circuit Breaker) or removal of the recorder, notify Dispatch as soon as practical. Under no other circumstances will recorders be deactivated to preserve recorded information, unless directed by Company officials (e.g., the duty NOC Network Director), in accordance with the guidance and authorization required by the NOC manual for the protection of voice or flight recorder data.”

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be "Implemented, Closed"