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Safety Recommendation:

The Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) should review the licensing requirement of major airports in Ireland, as specified in the Manual of Aerodrome Licensing, to comply with ICAO guidelines for large airports and to ensure that the provision of adequate medical services are part of the licensing provisions.

Response:

In their annual safety review for 2010 the IAA did not accept this safety recommendation and said:

"The IAA do not accept this safety recommendation.

The Irish Aviation Authority publishes the Irish national regulations applicable to aerodromes as the Aerodrome Licensing Manual, ALM.002. These regulations contain all the Standards and Recommended Practices published by ICAO in Annex 14.

ICAO also publishes additional supporting documentation for airports. The principal documents are the Airport Service Manuals Parts 1 to 9 and the Aerodrome Design Manual Parts 1 to 6 which are not included verbatim in ALM.002. References are made to these supporting documents where appropriate.

Chapter 6 of ALM.002 deals with Emergency Planning and contains two references to the ICAO Airport Services Manual, Part 7, first as a general note to the opening paragraph, and then specifically in Clause 6A.4.2 under Aerodrome Medical Services. It would be inappropriate to amend the Aerodrome Licensing Manual to include only this part of the complex array of supporting documentation for aerodromes published by ICAO.

The IAA is satisfied that its standards for airports meet ICAO recommended guidelines."

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation as "Not accepted, closed"