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Safety Recommendation:

CHCI should develop and promulgate procedures/processes for all aspects of Route Guide management including route design, review, approval, updating, usage, briefing, operational limitations (to include at a minimum, visibility & altitude limits and ARA compatibility), crew training and periodic familiarisation requirements.

Response:

On 01 February 2022, and in subsequent engagement with the AAIU, the Operator provided the following response to this Safety Recommendation:

"The operator undertook a thorough review of the FMS RG in accordance with the earlier Safety Recommendations [IRLD2017005]. The modified FMS RG was subject to extensive route testing/acceptance by operational crews from across all bases by day/night and was subsequently submitted to and accepted by the IAA.

All of the details regarding the FMS RG are contained in the Operations Manual [Part C, section 4.2]. In addition the following has been completed;

- Route guide flying is now a flight crew currency item.*
- Route guide management and updating is documented*
- Route guide briefing was updated*
- Route guide operational limitations are clearly identified*

The operator will however carry out a further review in light of this recommendation taking into procedures/processes for all aspects of Route Guide management including route design, review, approval, updating, usage, briefing, operational limitations (to include at a minimum, visibility & altitude limits and ARA compatibility), crew training and periodic familiarisation requirements. Expected review to be completed by the end of June 2022."

On 12 January 2023, the Operator provided the following update to the AAIU:

"OMC currently in review with IAA and CHCI. OMC to be shared with AAIU on approval, estimated end of March 2023."

On 31 March 2023, the Operator provided the following update to the AAIU:

"CHCI submitted latest revision of the OMC to IAA on the 27th March 2023, awaiting IAA approval."

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU Notes the Operator's response of 01 February 2022.

The AAIU also notes that certain activities are scheduled for completion by end of June, 2022.

The AAIU Notes the Operator's response of 12 January 2023.

The AAIU awaits further updates on the ongoing work which the Operator anticipates completing by end of March 2023.

The AAIU Notes the Operator's response of 31 March 2023.

The AAIU awaits further updates from the Operator on this ongoing work.

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be 'In process of implementation'.