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Safety Recommendation:

The Minister for Transport should ensure that the IRCG's internal processes are sensitive to warnings from its process auditors, and that mechanisms are in place to ensure that appropriate and necessary actions are expeditiously implemented in response to any such warnings.

Response:

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

"On behalf of the Minister I would like to convey the following:

The recommendation is accepted.

The Coast Guard's audit and oversight programme now complies with the provisions of ISO19001 (guidelines for auditing management systems) and which applies to all such activities within the division.

The Coast Guard has also implemented and continues to develop deviation management mechanisms to ensure that appropriate and necessary actions are expeditiously implemented in response to any potential deviation event.

The Coast Guard's aviation advisors conduct a programme of audits applicable to the contracted operator (CHCI). And further to circulating reports to the Coast Guard and the Operator after each audit, any findings and subsequent progress concerning the status of same are presented at each Contract Operations Meeting, attended by Coast Guard, the Operator and the advisors, to ensure that the necessary actions are equally understood and addressed."

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU notes the Minister's response of 01 February 2022.

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be 'Implemented, closed'.