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Safety Recommendation:

CHCI should review and update its offshore survival training procedures to ensure that all helicopter crews carry out their mandatory training wearing the safety clothing and types of equipment that would be worn during day-to-day operations, and to ensure that the correct functioning and compatibility of all safety clothing/equipment is verified during this training.

Response:

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

"The Operator has introduced the Viking jacket which is utilized with individual immersion suits during training along with representative 'wets' helmets.

Additional training on the functionality of the Emergency Locator Beacon and its operation is provided through the annual Emergency safety Equipment training; this training material is also available to all personnel at all times for self-refresher training.

As part of continuous improvement, further operational reviews are being undertaken with the HUET provider and the safety equipment manufacturers to explore further enhancement opportunities on the realism provided within the training facility."

AAIU Comment:

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

In addition the Investigation notes that, in relation to the Safety Recommendations made to the Operator, the IAA informed the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications that 'the IAA will track these recommendations and ensure that they are appropriately implemented.'

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be 'Implemented-Closed'.