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Safety Recommendation:

The Minister for Transport should review extant service level agreements involving IRCG air operations to ensure that they are suitably robust and complete, and to ensure the viability of statements of responsibility provided in such service level agreements.

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 has commenced a review of all its Memoranda of Understanding/Service Level Agreements to ensure respective roles and responsibilities are articulated and clearly understood by respective parties.

Coast Guard will review in 2022 extant service level agreements with stakeholders involving IRCG air operations to ensure that they are suitably robust and complete, and to ensure the viability of statements of responsibility provided in such service level agreements.

An update will be provided to AAIU in Q4 2022."

On 19 September 2023, the Department of Transport provided the following update for this Safety Recommendation:

"The review of extant service level agreements with stakeholders involved in IRCG helicopter operations to ensure that they are suitably robust and complete is ongoing. It is intended to complete a revision of the following MOUs / SLAs, which have implications for Helicopter operations, National Ambulance Service, MEDICO Cork, and Defence Forces.

A further update will be provided to AAIU in Q4 2023."

AAIU Comment:

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

The AAIU also notes the Q4 2022 timescale for the provision of an update.

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

The AAIU notes the Minister's response of 19 September 2023.

The AAIU notes the timescale of Q4, 2023 for further updates.

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