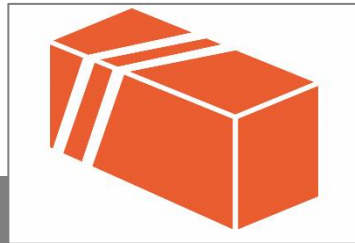


## INVESTIGATION COOPERATION MECHANISM FOR GROUP OF ISLANDS



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# ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES

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- OECS is a Regional Grouping of 12 islands in the Eastern Caribbean.
  - ➔ Seven OECS members
  - ➔ Five associated members



# Accident Investigation in OECS Region

- OECS members are regulated by Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA) and rely on ECCAA for accident investigation.
- Last USOAP ICAO audit shows 8.53 % of satisfactory answers to PQs in AIG domain for ECCAA States.
- Director of ECCAA plans to create a Regional Accident Investigation Authority (AIG Unit) with two investigators trained at the BEA.
- AAIB UK & BEA are responsible for the associated members.

# BEA Actions on the First Hours/Days After an Event

- Hours or days for safety investigators to reach accident site.
- Airport can be closed (Airbus A-330 HL7525 accident on 23/10/2022 at Mactan Cebu).
- First actions to perform.
- Prepare the venue of Investigator In Charge (IIC), Accredited Representatives (A/R), Advisers and Experts.

# BEA Actions on the First Hours/Days After an Event

- Notification (Annex 13 § 4.2)
- Protection of evidence (Annex 13 § 3.3)
- Access and control of the accident site (Annex 13 § 5.6)
- Assistance to Families of Victims (Annex 13 § 5.27)
- Advance agreements (Annex 13 § 5.4.3)

- The term ICM is broader than RAIO and permits to develop a network of Accident Investigation Authorities (AIA).
- One important aspect is the sovereignty of the States for the conduct of an accident investigation.
- Each EMS are not large enough to have accident investigators.
- The development of ICM in the area of accident investigation may be appropriate until the implementation of the AIG Unit.

# France - ECCAA Project

- DGAC and Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority expressed a common interest in developing cooperation in various fields of civil aviation, including in particular in AIG domain.
- This has been formalized by a declaration of intent for cooperation signed between the two Directors General of French DGAC and ECCAA in 2022.
- A cooperation agreement has been signed between France represented by DSAC-AG and ECCAA.
- DSAC-AG and his subcontractor France Aviation Civile Services (FRACS) are in charge of conducting this project.



# ECCAA Mutual Support System

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# European Regulation No 996/2010

- **Permanence and independence** of the **authority** responsible for the investigations
- EASA has the role of **adviser** to the investigation authority
- **ENCASIA**, European Network of Civil Aviation Safety Investigation Authorities
- Each State shall be able to manage general aviation accident investigation
- Cooperation in place to ask and receive assistance for major event

# ECCAA Mutual Support System

- The Accident Investigation Group Point of Contact (AIG PoC) in each ECCAA Member States (EMS) considered two different types of situations:
  - Emergency situations
  - Staff assistance requests (ECCAA Resource Map)

# ECCAA Mutual Support System

- An Emergency Situation is defined when the AIG PoC of an EMS has to request assistance from another EMS to deal with immediate actions that this AIG PoC cannot fulfil at that moment
- Mitigation solution until the creation of the AIG unit
- AIG PoC dealing with first actions on accident investigation, communication, relation with politics and justice
- Assisting IIC with investigation expertise from another EMS



# AIG PoC Workshop

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- A half-day Workshop was developed to develop an Eastern Caribbean Mutual Support System for ICAO Annex 13 Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigations.
- The ECCAA-BEA workshop focused on developing procedures for ECCAA mutual support system in case of aviation accidents.
- It was proposed to create a list of AIG point of contact in each ECCAA States, emphasizing the need for simplicity to avoid complex regulations.

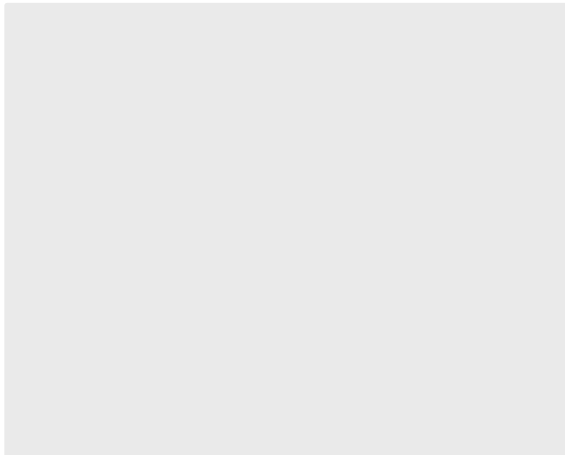
- The primary objective of establishing the AIG Unit and appointing State AIG Focal Points is to ensure the independence of aircraft accident investigations conducted by the ECCAA States.
- The appointed State AIG Focal Points will not be required to conduct Annex 13 Investigations but are expected to possess knowledge of the initial actions and responses required in the event of an aircraft accident or serious incident including communication, relation with politics and justice.

- The ECCAA Resource Map is the list of abilities, key capabilities and key competencies across all the ECCAA States.
- The intention of the list is to create an overview, which can be used by a State seeking assistance from other State during an investigation.

Thank you

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