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As per Standard 5.1.2 of Annex 13 — Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, while it is incumbent on the State of Occurrence to institute an investigation into a serious incident when the aircraft is of a maximum mass of over 2 250 kg, such State may delegate the whole or any part of the conducting of such investigation to another State or a regional accident and incident investigation organization by mutual arrangement and consent. Note 4 under 5.1.2 indicates that the State of Occurrence may consider delegating the investigation of serious incidents to the State of Registry or the State of the Operator, in particular those occurrences in which it might be beneficial or more practical for one of these States to conduct the investigation.

It is further recalled that Annex 13, Standard 4.6 requires the State of Registry, the State of the Operator, the State of Design and the State of Manufacture to provide the State of Occurrence with any relevant information available to them regarding the aircraft and flight crew involved in the accident or serious incident, and provides for the participation of those States in the investigation through the appointment of accredited representatives.

It is therefore understood that Annex 13 provisions, together with associated guidance material, provide for effective investigations of serious incidents called for in Annex 13.