

## **Laser illumination and flight safety (MEA/SUL)**

Dear Madam

We are glad to inform you that Estonian Aviation Act sets some basic requirements for using lasers and these are based on ICAO Doc 9815 „Manual on Laser Emitters and Flight Safety“. In addition to that, we also use the before mentioned manual. Requirements for using lasers are in Aviation Act § 35.

Furthermore, Estonian Penal Code states attacks against flight safety as criminal offence that covers laser attacks too. These attacks are punishable by a pecuniary punishment or two to ten years' imprisonment or more severe depending on the severity and consequences of the attack. In 2016, under the mentioned paragraph in Penal Code, a person was found guilty of pointing a laser at a helicopter. Estonian Civil Aviation Administration has accomplished cooperation with the Office of the Prosecutor General regarding laser attacks.