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The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) monitors how each Member State applies and effectively implements the common EU rules on aviation safety, particularly in the area of surveillance of organisations that the Member State has certified. EASA carries out this oversight through standardisation inspections, conducted on the basis of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139¹ (the EASA Basic Regulation) and Regulation (EU) No 628/2013². These inspections follow a risk-based approach and may include on-site visits to organisations, such as operators. Furthermore, Regulation (EU) 996/2010³ establishes that Member States' national civil aviation safety investigation authorities are responsible for investigating accidents and serious incidents that have occurred in their territory, to identify their causes, and to issue safety recommendations if necessary to prevent their recurrence. EASA closely monitors the outcome of such investigations to determine the need for follow-up actions, which could relate either to aircraft/engine design and operating procedures, or to aspects specific to the aircraft operator.

The responsibility that an aircraft is airworthy and fit to fly lies with each individual air carrier. The air carriers and the aircraft involved in the referenced incidents are subject to the safety oversight by the national competent authorities (NCAs) that have issued their respective Air Operator Certificates (AOCs).

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/ 2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91, OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj>

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 628/2013 of 28 June 2013 on working methods of the European Aviation Safety Agency for conducting standardisation inspections and for monitoring the application of the rules of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 736/2006, OJ L 179, 29.6.2013, p. 46, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2013/628/oj

³ Regulation (EU) 996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation and repealing Directive 94/56/EC, OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 35, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2010/996/oj>