

MEETING SUMMARY

ENCASIA WORKING GROUP 6 (SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS)

Meeting No 2

BRUSSELS, ON 10 DECEMBER 2013

WG6 met to continue the work on safety recommendations (SRs). It has specifically addressed the use of the new EU safety recommendations database, also called SRIS (Safety Recommendations Information System). Italy chaired the meeting with the participation of Finland, France, Romania, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the European Commission (DG MOVE and JRC) and EASA. Poland could not attend. In total, there were 9 participants. The meeting mainly focused on the areas of improvement in the existing SRIS database, the development of guidelines and common procedures as well as the promotion of a consistent use of SRIS. In November, the WG6 chairman had met with the Joint Research Centre to prepare this second WG6 meeting.

The meeting started with a demonstration by the Joint Research Centre of the main features incorporated into SRIS with emphasis on the addressee. The functionality to duplicate a SR will be made available to all users, as it will help to save time when an occurrence has multiple SRs. The overview of the SRIS content showed that great progress was made with entering data on addressees. On the other hand, more work will be needed on the field 'Headline', as different approaches were noted.

In terms of guidance, the meeting recommended that each SR should be addressed to only one addressee. It facilitates the follow-up of the safety recommendation, especially if two addressees have diverging responses.

The Chairman presented an overview of the SRIS content where great progress could be noted.

The group also decided to review the taxonomy of addressees by producing a working paper that should be shared with the ECCAIRS group on taxonomies and CICTT (CAST ICAO Common Taxonomy Team).

Spain could not attend the meeting but managed to record a video with comments on the CIAAC methodology and procedures dealing with SRs. The presentation concurred with the discussions held. The CIAIAC has also recommended to address the SR at the highest level of an organisation/authority and to avoid being too specific.

Regarding the interface, the group also discussed the various possible views that could be displayed taking into account the various possibilities of customizing fields that are offered by ECCAIRS (and SRIS which is built on an ECCAIRS platform).

The JRC presented the Windows interface to SRIS as well as a new interface for the SRIS public part, which could be made available onto the ECCAIRS portal.

The numbering of SR remains a difficult issue as several SIAs need to have their own reference number to cope with their specificities (e.g. if they are multimodal)

WG6 has worked on harmonizing the SRIS database notably by analysing and reviewing its content. Such work also encompasses a common doctrine of drafting (or not) safety recommendations.