



Safety recommendation no. 460

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Safety deficit	<p>On Saturday 12 March 2011 at 14:26 UTC, aircraft N8KR took off from Annecy airport under a category "Z" flight plan under VFR, bound for Mainz-Finthen in Germany.</p> <p>Chambéry approach control transferred N8KR, on the boundary of the Geneva TMA, directly to the flight information service frequency. At the same moment, Geneva approach control transferred aircraft N994GP under IFR and stabilised at FL 80 to the Chambéry control frequency, 15 NM before the transfer point.</p> <p>The flight information service instructed N8KR to descend and reported the presence of the opposing traffic. Chambéry approach issued essential traffic information to aircraft N994 GP, without any other instructions. The absence of specific IFR joining procedures caused a dangerous convergence, the values of which are 0.3 NM in the horizontal plane and 335 ft in the vertical plane.</p>
Safety recommendation	<p>The Federal Office of Civil Aviation should complete the letter of agreement between Geneva and Chambéry, particularly with regard to departures under a "Z" flight plan.</p>
Addressees	BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt; BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt
Stage of the implementation	For the FOCA, the present safety recommendation is settled and can be closed because the air traffic management procedures are clearly regulated. The incident itself is considered to be an isolated case.
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	<p><u>Final report</u> <u>Rapport final</u></p>