



Safety recommendation no. 478

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Safety deficit	<p>A dangerous approach occurred in the Sitten terminal area (TMA) involving a Beechcraft A23 24, which was crossing the Rhone valley in a northerly direction, and a Piper PA34, which was on final approach on IGS RWY 25. VMC conditions applied and the Beechcraft was flying under visual flight rules (VFR), whilst the Piper was complying with instrument flight rules (IFR) under VMC conditions.</p> <p>The regional VFR chart for Sitten aerodrome did not include any VFR routes or points for departure from the TMA, respectively control zone (CTR), which would have created geographical separation between VFR and IFR traffic. On the chart there were three reporting points, which were mandatory for arriving flights only.</p>
Safety recommendation	<p>The Federal Office of Civil Aviation should require the Sion airport VFR regional chart to show VFR routes or entry and exit points from the TMA/CTR VFR establishing segregation of VFR and IFR traffic.</p>
Addressees	BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt
Stage of the implementation	<p>Implemented. A new Visual Approach Chart (VAC) and Area Chart for the regional airport of Sion LSZS has been published during April 2015 in the VFR Manual of Switzerland by Skyguide. The new VAC includes segregated VFR and IFR routes and new designed reporting points.</p>
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	<p>Final report Rapport final</p>