



Safety recommendation no. 547

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Safety deficit	The lighting situation of the taxiways of Sion Airport (LSGS), sector Grely, has repeatedly contributed to pilots rolling onto the road "Route des Aviateurs" at night instead of the parallel taxiways. As a result, planes have collided with a road sign and been damaged.
Safety recommendation	The Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), together with the airport operator, should take measures to improve the lighting situation on taxiways in the sector Grely at night.
Addressees	BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt; BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt
Stage of the implementation	<p>In a letter dated 20 November 2019, the FOCA wrote the following: "The FOCA will examine the situation regarding visual aids in the sector covering the Golf and Sierra taxiways together with the airport operator and initiate any necessary improvements."</p> <p>The FOCA's proposal to examine the situation together with the airport operator and plan specific improvement measures seems plausible and expedient. However, no timeframe was set to implement these measures. To date no such measures have been taken to improve the night-time lighting situation along the taxiways in the Grely sector. As such, the safety recommendation cannot be considered to have been implemented.</p>
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