

Safety recommendation no. 551

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Safety deficit	Authorised to proceed towards holding bay Z, the flight crew of a Cessna Citation C525 passes the holding point ahead of the CAT I runway of concrete runway 05 without having been cleared to do so. The aircraft stops approximately 15 m from the edge of the runway and obstructs the path of an Airbus A320 that is rolling for take-off. On taxiway Z, when visibility is good, the protected area of the runway is bounded by the holding point in front of the CAT I runway. The RIMCAS (Runway Incursion Monitoring and Conflict Alert Sub-System) alarm was triggered when the Cessna 525 had passed the point by 12 m. The verbal alarm emitted via the RIMCAS "safety net" indicated the runway incursion but failed to attract the attention of the GND and ADC controllers, who were managing scheduled traffic; thus RIMCAS did not perform its safeguarding role.
Safety recommendation	The Federal Office of Civil Aviation should ensure that the RIMCAS safety net is configured in such a way that it emits an alarm that is noticed in weather conditions other than poor visibility.
Addressees	BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt
Stage of the implementation	Implemented. In its response dated 28 April 2020, FOCA approved this safety recommendation.
	On 30 January 2017, Skyguide modified the SAMAX and RIMCAS systems (RWY Incursion Monitoring and Collision Avoidance Subsystem) in such a way that runway incursions are detected immediately after the holding point in question (CAT I, CAT II/III) has been passed.
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