



Australian Government
Civil Aviation Safety Authority

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Australian Transport Safety Bureau
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Dear

I refer to email dated 31 March 2010 requesting information under section 32 of the *Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003* in respect of the Pel-Air investigation AO-2009-072.

CASA has reviewed the Dskite and Pel-Air Aviation Operations Manuals and cannot find any reference to Air Ambulance flights being classified one way or the *other*. CASA is not aware of any changes from Charter to Airwork in respect of Air Ambulance functions. The matter may require further clarification from Pel-Air.

In regard to our discussions of possible issues with the French safety regulator, Pel-Air received a number of notices in relation to ramp checks in Noumea. At one stage the aircraft were stopped from going into Noumea because they were not fitted with TCAS (which is not required in Australian airspace). VH-NGA was fitted with TCAS and Pel-Air advised CASA that the ban was lifted for that aircraft.

Please contact if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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Accident Liaison and Investigation Unit