Safety Regulation Group Safety Data



Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

ACCIDENT TO PEGASUS QUIK, G-CWIK, AT 100ft BELOW SUMMIT OF BEN MORE, CENTRAL SCOTLAND, ON 12 MAY 2012

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F1/2013

FACTOR PUBLICATION DATE : 28 February 2013

TYPE OF FLIGHT : Private

CAA OCCURRENCE NUMBER : 2012/05095

AAIB REPORT : 1/2013

SYNOPSIS

From AAIB Report

The aircraft was being flown by an experienced microlight pilot who was accompanied by the owner, as a passenger, occupying the rear seat. They were transiting from Perth to Glenforsa, on the Isle of Mull, at about 6,000 ft, above scattered cloud. Approximately 2 nm east of Ben More mountain, in Stirlingshire, the aircraft descended in good visibility, remaining clear of the cloud. The descent and flight up to one second before impact was recorded on a video camera attached to the aircraft. The aircraft levelled off below the cloud base and approx 100ft above the summit of the mountain. It continued towards the mountain and encountered severe turbulence in the lee of the summit. This appeared to cause the pilot to lose control of the aircraft, which impacted the south side of the summit, fatally injuring both occupants.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

Recommendation 2012-037

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority produce a Safety Sense Leaflet, or other guidance material, covering the activity of mountain flying for the UK general aviation community.

CAA Response

The CAA accepts this Recommendation insofar as it will continue to support the ongoing development and publication of a safety leaflet concerning flight over and near hills and mountains. This is being produced by the European General Aviation Safety Team (EGAST) for wide dissemination and is expected in the second quarter of 2013.

CAA Status - Open