

## Press Bulletin

### **On Investigation into Fatal Accident with Aerospool WT10 UR-PAMA Aircraft**

*(publication for the mass media)*

The NBAAI expresses the deepest condolences to the victims' families and loved ones and assures that it is taking all the available actions to establish the tragedy circumstances and causes with the utmost dispatch.

**Circumstances.** On July 28, at 13.35 local time, during a sightseeing flight in the near vicinity of the city of Kolomyia on Aerospool WT10 aircraft with the nationality and registration mark of UR-PAMA, the aircraft collided with a residential building on a street of the village of Sheparivtsi, Kolomyia district. The accident resulted in fatal injuries to the aircraft pilot (citizen of Ukraine), two tourists (US citizens) and one tourist (UK citizen). The aircraft was completely destroyed and consumed by fire. There were no victims among the people, who had been on the ground.

**Investigation Progress.** As soon as the NBAAI became aware of the accident, the Investigator-in-Charge was appointed and the Technical Investigation Expert Group was established. To conduct a field stage of the investigation, on July 28, three NBAAI representatives left for Kolomyia, who are now working at the accident site.

The Investigator-in-Charge is considering various versions of the tragedy causes, including a technical failure of the aviation equipment, a human error during the aircraft operation and impact of the environment on the accident.

For the purpose of establishing the fatal accident circumstances, the NBAAI cooperates in collecting information with the National Police, which representatives are at the accident site, with the State Aviation Administration, with the UkSATSE, with the Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Center and other relevant organizations that may have the information about the flight.

Subject to the requirements of Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention, the accident was notified to the investigation authorities of the United States of America, as the State, which citizens suffered fatal injuries, Slovakia, as the State of Design of the aircraft, and Austria, as the State of Design of the engine installed on the aircraft.

As of July 29, the NBAAI has received the NTSB's confirmation as regards appointment of the Accredited Representative, who will participate in the investigation on behalf of the United States of America, the commitment from the Slovak Aviation and Maritime Investigation Authority and Austrian Civil Aviation Accident Investigation Authority to assist in the investigation at the NBAAI's request.

According to the Investigator-in-Charge's information, the expert group, together with police investigators, examined the accident site, interviewed the crash eyewitnesses and supervisor, who provided the flight information services to the aircraft.

The primary task of the expert group is to establish objective causes of the tragedy as soon as possible and issue effective safety recommendations, which will prevent occurrence of the similar accidents in the future.

Taking into account a resonance of the tragedy and for the purpose of informing the public and mass media, the NBAAI website is constantly updated with the information on the progress of the technical investigation of the accident.

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