



REF: BCAA/1500/N32CC
Control # 19-000934

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Captain Delvin Major
Chief Accident Investigator/Inspector
Aircraft Accident and Investigation Department

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO CRASH INVOLVING HELICOPTER N32CC

Good Day Captain Major,

I make reference to your request concerning documentation and procedures surrounding the recent accident involving helicopter N32CC off of Grand Cay.

Firstly, the Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) Section of the Safety Oversight Department (SOD) was unaware of helicopter (helipad) operations at Grand Cay. Therefore, there were no approvals granted for such operations at this site.

A synopsis of such approval is as follows;

- The applicant must seek economic approval from the Air Transport Licensing unit of the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation,
- Once economic approval is granted, the application or request is forwarded to the Director General of the BCAA which is then forwarded to SOD section for technical inspection;
- Technical inspection is conducted with a two (2) pronged approach, one is to assess and mitigate any potential risks (obstacles etc.) and, secondly, to ensure that helipad operations are in compliance with National and International Standards (fire suppression, markings etc.).
- After a satisfactory technical inspection, an ad-hoc helipad certification is granted which specifies type of helicopter to be used, type of meteorological condition in which operations are to be conducted (Day VFR only).

In addition, particulars of the helicopter and its pilot must be produced prior to the granting of this certificate.

This includes aircraft registration, airworthiness certificate and insurance.

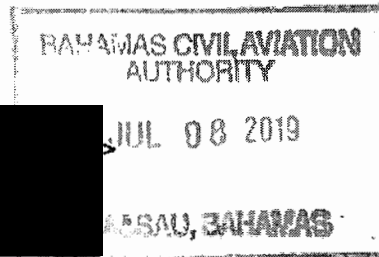
The pilot(s) who intended to operate the aircraft must also produce a valid license (including type on aircraft flown) and a valid medical certificate.

It is worthy to note, that this approval includes evaluations from various disciplines of the SOD section, including Operations, Airworthiness, Personal Licensing and Air Navigation Services.

As it relates to information on a possible head of agreement, SOD was recently made aware of that there is such agreement in existence, however, this agreement is between the operator and the Bahamas Government.

If there are any additional queries please contact the Safety Oversight Department at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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