# SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SI-18-00052

#### Details

| Synopsis                                      | On 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018 a Piper Aztec PA-23-250 aircraft, serial number 27-4412 departed the West Palm Beach County Park Airport (KLNA) on at approximately 7:26 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). The aircraft departed under instrument flight rules with destination Lynden Pindling International Airport, New Providence, Bahamas. There was one pilot and a load of cargo on board at the time of the accident. The pilot reported to the Nassau Air Traffic Controller that he was experiencing an engine malfunction, shortly after which the aircraft disappeared from radar coverage. The crash occurred approximately 2.3 nautical miles (NM) from the approach end of Runway 14. The pilot, major parts and components of the aircraft and an undetermined amount of cargo were unaccounted for, as the aircraft sank and was never recovered from the ocean due to the depths of the ocean where it sank. |
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| Recommendation                                | Ministry of Tourism, Aviation & Bahamas on behalf of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. The AAIA Recommends that the Government of The Bahamas fulfill the requirements as specified within Annex 12 (Search & Rescue), as a signatory to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, by establishing and implementing the prescribed standards that:  a) designates an appropriate entity to perform search and rescue services, b) grants the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) the authority to provide oversight of the designated search and rescue entity, c) establishes a Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) in support of the provision of search and rescue services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Original Recommendation<br>Transmittal Letter | Safety<br>Recommendation (To                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Overall Status                                | Open – Await Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Location                                      | Nassau Bahamas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Accident Number                               | A18-000027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Accident Report                               | Loss of Control Inflight and Uncontrolled Collision with Terrain (Ocean)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Accident Date                                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Issue Date                                    | 12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Date Closed                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Addressee(s)                                  | Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar – Minister of Tourism, Aviation & Bahamasair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Addressee(s) Response                         | Open – Await Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

### **Safety Recommendation History**

| From | AAIA                                                             |
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| То   | Ministry of Tourism, Aviation & Bahamasair c/o Government of the |
|      | Bahamas                                                          |

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