

**Question for written answer P-008811/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Action to address safety concerns surrounding Swedish domestic flights operated by Avies

The Estonian airline Avies currently operates domestic flights serving several destinations in Sweden. The Swedish authorities have recently identified a number of concerns surrounding unsatisfactory safety procedures. On 13 October 2014 the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority issued a recommendation to Estonia's Civil Aviation Administration (*Lennuamet*) and to its counterpart in Sweden, the Swedish Transport Agency, that appropriate action be taken against Avies on the grounds of unsatisfactory safety procedures. Three serious incidents have been documented in Sweden, indicating that there are recurring safety problems.

1. How have two national authorities reached different conclusions as to whether Avies meets the safety requirements necessary to operate flights in the EU?
2. What is the Commission doing to ensure that national aviation safety authorities interpret EU aviation safety rules correctly and in a uniform manner?
3. How will the Commission evaluate the exchange of information between the Swedish and Estonian authorities and the EASA so as to establish how their procedures can be improved and made more effective with the ultimate aim of speeding up decision-making and ensuring a good level of aviation safety throughout the EU?