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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Following the investigation carried out by the Maltese Bureau of Air Accidents Investigations (BAAI) in relation to the [runway excursion of a Cessna 172](#) event at Luqa Airport (LMML) on the 3rd November 2019, Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate (TM-CAD) is issuing this safety notice for the specific attention of the General Aviation (GA) community.

This safety notice is part of an information-sharing process, and following the Malta AIP update (AIP AMDT 036/2020) aimed at addressing 'Recommendation 2' of the investigation report published by the BAAI in May 2020.

2.0 OUTCOME

As part of the investigation, the BAAI has issued two recommendations of which one is specifically related to the term 'Midfield landing' and about the importance that such phraseology is clearly understood by the GA community. TM-CAD would like to highlight 'Recommendation 2' as extracted from the investigation report:

Recommendation 2:

Midfield landing should be properly defined, and its position published on the AIP. It is suggested that midfield for RWY 13/31 will be defined as midpoint between TWY 'C' and TWY 'F'.

The recommendation is self-explanatory and clearly identifies a recommended landing area for the term 'Midfield landing'. This recommendation has been inserted in the most recent revision of the Malta AIP which is bound to serve as a means of added clarity to the aviation professional.

Notwithstanding that the term 'Midfield landing' has formed part of the local phraseology for quite some time, this instruction is not mandatory and any pilot who has not understood or is doubtful of his/her capabilities to perform such a landing is duty bound to declare so to ATC and perform a standard landing on the marked area.