



Civil Aeronautics Administration

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Subject:

The flight crews of several flight operation events were unable to taxi due to closed taxiways, or aircraft veered off taxiway while making a turn. Air operators shall ensure all their flight crews follow the SOP to properly conduct flight briefing, plan taxi routes, maintain vigilance to taxiway surface conditions and taxi speed control, so as to reduce risks of ground incident.

Description:

The investigations indicate the causes of events mentioned the flight crews were not fully aware of the information of closed taxiways in airport operating or ATIS were received from ACARS during approach phase so that the flight crews were unable to continue taxi after landing. In addition, the flight crews did not pay attention to properly control the taxi speed on wet/slippery surface, resulting in the veer-off of taxiways

Recommendations:

The air operators shall convey and reiterate the following items to the flight crews to minimize the risk of taxi into closed taxiways or taxiway veer offs

1. The flight operation crews should carefully check the airport charts during flight briefing and plan proper taxi routes to avoid risks of possible aircraft damage due to taxi into closed taxiway.
2. If the ATIS includes the information of closed taxiway, the flight crews shall pay attention to those influences on the planned taxi route after landing.
3. When taxiing the aircraft on wet/slippery taxiways, the flight crews shall control speed within operation limits in operations manual.
4. Utilize the skills of Crew Resource Management to maintain vigilance and situational awareness during all phases of flight.