

Air traffic controller found guilty by Bülach District Court

Geneva, 28 March 2019 - The Bülach (ZH) District Court today found a skyguide air traffic controller guilty of negligent disruption of public transport. The incident occurred at Zurich Airport on 22 August 2012. A commercial aircraft of the Darwin Airline took off and a private sports aircraft on a training flight approached. There was neither damage to property nor personal injury. Skyguide regrets this latest conviction of one of its air traffic controllers.

Safety is skyguide's top priority. In order to ensure this, the safety culture practiced at skyguide is crucial. This «just culture» is designed to ensure that mistakes that are neither intentional nor grossly negligent are not subject to disciplinary sanctions. Skyguide is committed to this «just culture». In this way, the organisation can learn quickly from mistakes and take measures to avoid them in the future. This leads to greater safety in Swiss airspace for all users.

Skyguide stands behind and continues to support the air traffic controller convicted today. His employment at skyguide is not called into question by the conviction.

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Skyguide is responsible for providing air navigation services in Switzerland and in certain adjacent parts of neighbouring countries. With its workforce of some 1 500 employees who are active at 14 locations in Switzerland, skyguide safely and reliably guides some 1.3 million civil and military flights a year through Europe's busiest airspace. Skyguide is well integrated into the international air navigation services community and, with its innovative and customer-minded solutions, helps enhance Switzerland's appeal as a place to live, work and do business. The company is majority-owned by the Swiss Confederation, and is headquartered in Geneva.
