



EASA Safety Information Bulletin

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Subject: **Guidance and Best Practices on Fuelling / Chemical Loading with Engines Running**

Ref. Publications: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Safety Alert for Operators (SAFO) [10020](#) dated 23 November 2010.

Applicability: All aircraft.

Description: The FAA have published the above-referenced advisory document (which can be accessed by the hyperlink above) to provide guidance to operators that conduct fuelling or chemical loading with the engines running (hot fuelling/loading).

After reviewing the available information, EASA support the guidance and recommended actions contained in FAA SAFO 10020.

Since EASA considers this to be a 'generic' safety subject that should apply to all aircraft, i.e. including helicopters, and not limited to aircraft of U.S. origin, the SAFO cannot be considered as a 'State of Design' advisory. For that reason, EASA have decided to explicitly apply these recommendations to all aircraft on which "hot fuelling/loading" could be done in operation.

This SIB is published to ensure that all affected aircraft owners and operators are made aware of the FAA safety recommendations, now endorsed by EASA.

At this time, the safety concern described in this SIB is not considered to be an unsafe condition that would warrant Airworthiness Directive (AD) action under EU [748/2012](#), Part 21.A.3B.

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