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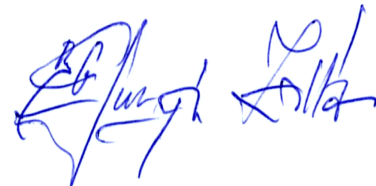
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Nation	Priority of Investigation	Military or Civilian Investigation	Safety Report public release	Approx. Duration	Remarks
Albania					
Belgium	Criminal/Safety	Military	No	12 months	
Bulgaria					
Canada	Criminal/Safety/Legal	Military	Yes ¹	12 months	¹ Can be restricted
Croatia					
Czech Republic	Criminal/Safety/Legal ¹	Military ²	No	Up to 12 months	¹ At the initial stage, the Criminal/Safety and Legal investigation teams collaborate. ² Both military/civilian investigation is established in case of civilian aircraft involved and/or ATCs are involved.
Denmark	Criminal/Safety/Legal	Military ¹	No ²	6 months	¹ Joint military/civilian in case a civilian aircraft is also involved. ² Prohibited by law.
Estonia	Criminal/Safety/Legal	Military ¹	No	90 days ²	¹ CIV/MIL joint investigation. CIV will lead the investigation if civilian party is involved. ² Can be extended with justification.
France	Criminal/Legal/Safety	Military	Yes ¹	12 months	¹ Can be restricted
Germany	Criminal/Safety/Legal	Military	No ¹	12 months	¹ For official use only by German Armed Forces
Greece	Safety-Admin/Criminal/Legal ¹	Military	No ²	120 days ³	¹ Safety and Admin inquiry are separate but occurring in parallel. Criminal and legal can be joint. ² Prohibited by law. ³ Can be extended with justification.

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Hungary	Criminal/Safety/Legal ¹	Military ²	No ³	As required	<p>¹During the investigation the facts can be shared, but the result of the investigation process is shared between investigation boards.</p> <p>² If civilian a/c or ATC involved in an incident with state a/c, the civilian investigators lead the common safety investigation in close cooperation with military safety investigators.</p> <p>³ The final report of the accident involving only state a/c or ATC is not allowed to be released for public by law. The common civil-military investigation report are not published automatically, but could be releasable partially upon request due to security issues.</p>
Iceland					
Italy	Criminal/Safety/Legal	Military ¹	No	90 days	¹ If authorized by Legal Authority
Latvia					
Lithuania	Criminal/Safety/Legal ¹	Military ²	No ³	30 days ⁴	<p>¹At the initial stage, the Criminal/Safety and Legal investigation teams collaborate.</p> <p>²Both military/civilian investigation is established in case of civilian aircraft involved and/or ATCs are involved.</p> <p>³No, prohibited by law.</p> <p>⁴Legal requirement. Can be extended as long as needed with justification.</p>
Luxembourg					
Montenegro					
Netherlands					
Norway					
Poland	Criminal/Legal/Safety	Military/Civilian ¹	No ²	As required	<p>¹Parallel military and civilian safety investigation possible when civilian aircraft is also involved.</p> <p>²Civilian report published. Military report: presented only to appointed military units; could be published if</p>

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					decided by highest authorities; could be accessed by criminal/legal investigators with judicial approval.
Portugal					
Romania	Criminal/Legal/Safety	Military	No ¹	60 days	¹ Prohibited by law
Slovakia					
Slovenia					
Spain	Criminal/Legal/Safety ¹	Military ²	No ³	45 days ⁴	¹ At the initial stage, both Legal/Judicial and Safety investigation teams collaborate, but Safety investigation teams needs to get clearance from the Legal/Judicial authority to access the site or the movement of the wreckage. ² A mixed military/civilian investigation is established in case civilian aircraft and/or aeronautical services providers are involved. ³ Prohibited by law ⁴ Legal requirement. Can be extended with justification.
Turkey	Criminal/legal/Safety	Military	No ¹	90 days ²	¹ Prohibited by regulation ² Can be extended with justification
United Kingdom	Criminal/Safety	Military ^{1,2}	Yes ³	12 months	¹ A civil or military criminal investigation may be held depending on the circumstances but this is not normally the case. Both would take precedence over any safety investigation, which would proceed in a co-ordinated but not collaborative way. ² Where both military and civilian aircraft are involved there may be two investigations or a single military or civil-led investigation depending on the circumstances. ³ Reports are redacted to protect personal and sensitive information. Reports may be withheld completely for particularly sensitive subjects.
United States	Criminal/Safety/Legal	Military	No ¹	45 days	¹ Prohibited by law

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