

In-progress Safety Investigation Statement

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This document informs about the initiation and progress of a safety investigation that has been initiated by the Air Accident Investigation unit (Belgium) in accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and Regulation (EU) No 996/2010.

The information may still be subject to change

SYNOPSIS

Occurrence class	Incident
Occurrence category	Fuel related (FUEL) - exhaustion
Date and time ¹	Sunday 11 July 2021 11:08 UTC
Location	Field in Ernage (Gembloux) N 50°34'31.8" – E 004°40'03.8"
Aircraft	Cessna Reims F-150L
Aircraft category	Fixed wing - Small aeroplane (MTOW ≤ 5700 kg)
Location of departure	Aerodrome of Namur/Suarlée (EBNM)
Planned destination	Idem
Type of operation	Non-commercial - Local
Phase of flight	En route (cruise)
Injuries	None
Aircraft damage	No damage

After 1:30 hours of a navigation flight, the engine of the Cessna F-150L aircraft stopped. The pilot made an emergency landing on a cultivated field.

The pilot and passenger climbed out of the aircraft uninjured.

After landing, the RH Tank was found empty and the LH Tank with 12 – 14 liters (corresponding with the qty of unusable fuel).

The aircraft showed no damage after the landing. It was able to take-off on the next day, after the Belgian CAA cleared the area as a temporary airfield.

¹ All time data in this report are indicated in UTC, unless otherwise specified



PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION

For the investigation, the following sources were used;

- Pilot statements,
- Aircraft inspection
- Testing of the fuel consumption.

The report is being finalised.

In accordance with ICAO Annex 13 standards and EU 996/2010 regulation, the report will be forwarded to the following organisations to receive their comments and remarks: - EASA, and DGTA/DGLV.

After reception of the comments and remarks, the final report will be published on the website of the Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport.