



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY *JS*

TO: Calvin L. Scovel III
Inspector General, U.S. Department of Transportation

Subject: Audit of Certification for the Boeing 737-MAX 8 (2012-2017)

Safety is the top priority of the Department, and all of us are saddened by the fatalities resulting from the recent accidents involving two Boeing 737-MAX 8 aircraft in Indonesia and Ethiopia. As you know, Boeing requested an amended type certification for this aircraft in January 2012, and the Federal Aviation Administration issued the certification in March 2017.

To help inform the Department's decision making and the public's understanding, and to assist the FAA in ensuring that its safety procedures are implemented effectively, this is to confirm my request that the Office of Inspector General proceed with an audit to compile an objective and detailed factual history of the activities that resulted in the certification of the Boeing 737-MAX 8 aircraft.

Please keep me apprised of the status of your work as it progresses.