

AUSTRIAN National Report 2013

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1. Medical Regulations, EASA

Beginning with April 8th 2013 the EU regulations No 1178/2011 and No 290/2012, drafted by EASA – the European Aviation Safety Agency, enter into force. The regulation lays down the certification procedure of aviation aircrew and has been published by [Austro Control G.m.b.H.](#) as it is valid in Austria as well.

2. World Record for skydiving

Felix Baumgartner (born 20 April 1969 is an Austrian skydiver) set the **world record for skydiving** at estimated 39 kilometres (24 mi), reaching an estimated speed of 1357.64km/h (843.6 mph), on March 1.25, on 14 October 2012, and became the first person to break the sound barrier on his descent, thus becoming the first human to do so without any form of engine power. He also broke the record for the highest altitude jump, set in 1960 by Joseph Kittinger, who was Baumgartner's mentor and capsule communicator at mission control. These claims were verified by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

3. Accident

A Red Bull Bede BD-5J single-seater micro-jet crashed during an attempted forced landing near Innsbruck, Austria, on May 1, killing Flying Bulls pilot Guido Gehrman.

According to a team statement, Gehrman suffered an engine failure while returning from an air show performance in Tyrol, Italy. The Flying Bulls are based in Salzburg, Austria.

The Bede BD-5 is the world's smallest jet. Made popular in the early 1980s when it appeared in a James Bond film, the tiny single-seater was conceived in the 1970s by famed kit-plane designer Jim Bede. There are currently around 30 BD-5s in flying condition around the world out of around 150 built.

4. International Congress of Aviation Medicine

Three countries conference on Aerospace Medicine

The conference on Aerospace Medicine involving three countries is going to take place for the first time this year. The scientific meeting is being organised by the German Society for Aerospace Medicine (www.dglrm.de) in cooperation with the Austrian Society for Aerospace Medicine (www.flugmedizin.net) and the Swiss Society of Aviation.

5. Airshow AIRPOWER Zeltweg/Austria; Have a look at www.airpower13.at