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### 1. Medical standards

While waiting for the implementation of the EASA standards on Apr. 8. next year, the JAR-FCL requirements have been used in Finland without any major change. The proposed replacement of all paperwork concerning the medical examinations and certificates with a digital computer program has been postponed until next year.

### 2. Airsports activities

No international competitions were arranged in Finland this summer.

### 3. Accidents

One fatal glider accident occurred in June: two gliders (Ventus 2a and ASW 27-18 E) participating in the Finnish National championships collided midair; one of the pilots managed to use his parachute and survived with no major injuries; the other pilot was found dead near the wreck of his glider – he had obviously never even opened his parachute. The investigation is going on and the results will be published later this year.

### 4. The effect of the financial crisis

General aviation (number of new aircraft, pilots licenses and flown hours) does not seem to have suffered markedly from the worldwide financial crisis (so far). However, there is growing concern over the price of gasoline (Avgas 100 LL costs almost 3 Euros/l) and the motor gasoline containing 5 – 10 % Ethanol – some aircraft using mo-gas have an STC restricting the amount of Ethanol to max. 1%.