

**FAQ n.19588****FAQs:**

Technical Issues, Third Country Operators (TCO), Regulations

**Question:**

**Can EASA issue a TCO authorisation to an operator with open SAFA ramp inspection findings?**

**Answer:**

Yes. However, Commission Regulation (EU) No 452/2014 (the 'TCO Regulation') stipulates that EASA shall take into account ramp inspections, as well as other recognised information on safety aspects with regards to third country operators. Open SAFA findings may indicate systemic non-compliances and warrant further focused assessments to be performed by EASA. If evidence gathered during such an assessment confirms a non-compliance with an ICAO standard, EASA may raise a separate finding under Part-TCO. This finding will need to be closed before issuance of a TCO authorisation.

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