

INTERIM STATEMENT

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AIRBUS A330 (9V-SSF) ENGINE STALL EVENT ON 23 MAY 2015

On 23 May 2015 an Airbus A330 was flying from Singapore to Shanghai, China, on a scheduled passenger flight. When the aircraft was over the South China Sea to the south-east of Hong Kong, it encountered an area of adverse weather. The flight crew received a message on the aircraft's Electronic Centralised Aircraft Monitoring (ECAM) display indicating that the aircraft's right hand engine had stalled¹. Before the flight crew took action, the right hand engine self-recovered from the stall, but the ECAM message was replaced by another ECAM message indicating that the left hand engine had stalled. In response, the flight crew went through the checklist and determined that the left hand engine needed to be shut down. The flight crew then carried out a controlled descent to 26,000 feet. Subsequently, the left hand engine was restarted. The flight then continued, with both engines running normally, to Shanghai.

The investigation has focused on the following areas:

- Enroute weather and weather avoidance procedures
- Flight crew actions
- Airbus ECAM system
- Engine stall

The occurrence was classified by AAIB Singapore as an incident. The investigation report is being drafted.

¹ A gas turbine engine stall occurs when the airflow through the engine is disrupted.