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**The Spaceflight Activities (Investigation of
Spaceflight Accidents) Regulations 2021**

PART 4

The safety investigation and inspectors' powers

CHAPTER 1

The safety investigation

Objective and independence of a safety investigation

11.—(1) The sole objective of a safety investigation which is undertaken pursuant to these Regulations is the prevention of spaceflight accidents, without the apportionment of blame or liability.

(2) A safety investigation must be independent of and separate from any judicial or administrative proceedings to apportion blame or liability.

(3) Any individual participating in a safety investigation must perform their duties independently and not seek or accept instructions from any person other than the Chief Inspector, the investigator-in-charge or the accredited representative.

The extent of a safety investigation

12.—(1) The Chief Inspector must determine—

- (a) the extent of a safety investigation, and
- (b) the procedure to be followed in conducting a safety investigation.

(2) The Chief Inspector must determine the matters referred to in paragraph (1) taking into account the lessons expected to be drawn from such safety investigations for the improvement of safety of spaceflight activities.

Reopening of safety investigation

13.—(1) Where, following publication of a final safety investigation report relating to a spaceflight accident, evidence has become available which, in the Chief Inspector's opinion, is new and significant, the Chief Inspector must cause the safety investigation to be reopened.

(2) Following publication of a safety investigation report relating to a spaceflight accident, the Chief Inspector may cause the safety investigation to be reopened for any other reason where the Chief Inspector considers it appropriate to do so.