EASYJET INVESTIGATED BY ITALIAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES AFTER PLANE LANDED ON WRONG RUNWAY AT PISA AIRPORT

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Italian aviation authorities have launched an investigation after an easyJet flight landed on the wrong runway at the airport in Pisa.

Flight EZY1847 from Manchester landed on a closed runway that is used for passenger jets taxiing to or from the adjacent airstrip.

The Airbus A319-100 was given permission to land on runway 04L but touched down on runway 04R instead.

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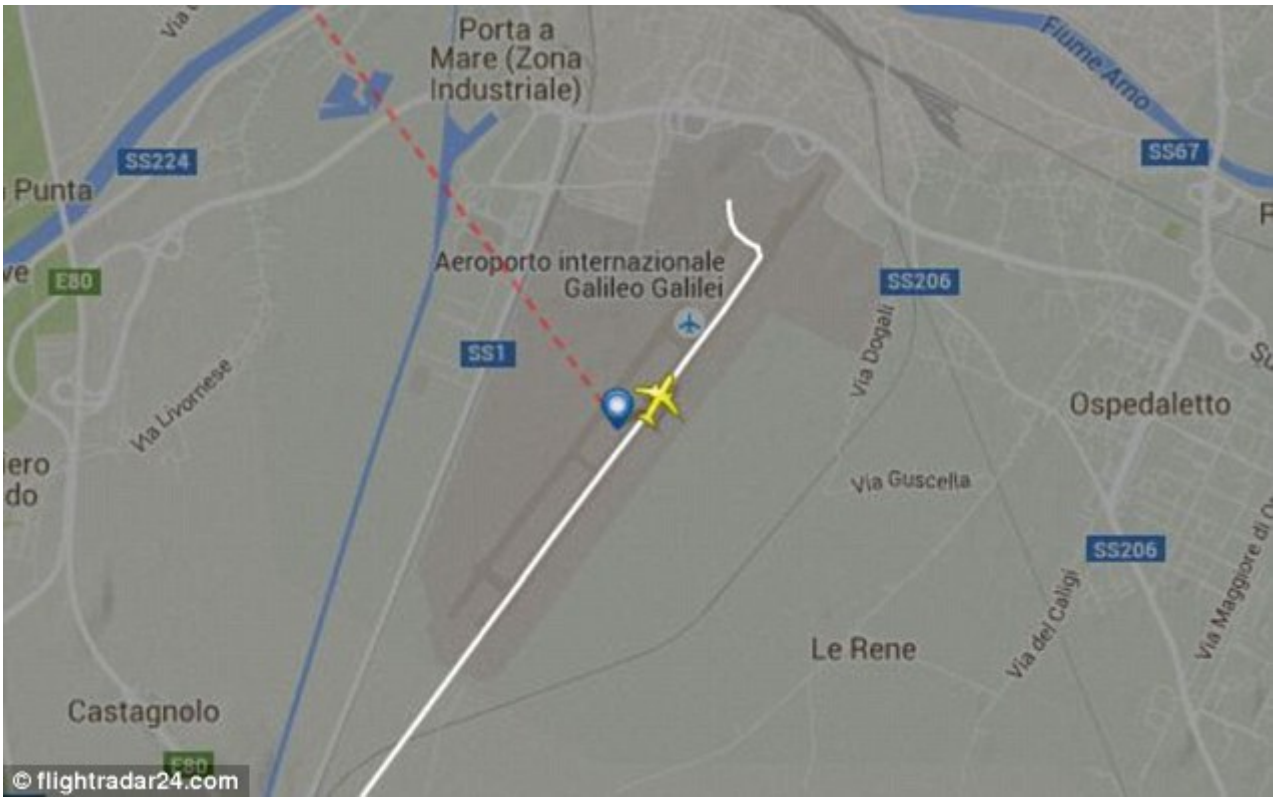

EasyJet said the safety of passengers was not compromised when the plane landed on the wrong runway

Runway 04R was clear at the time and the plane landed and taxied to the terminal without incident.

EasyJet said the safety of passengers was not compromised.

Italy’s aircraft accident investigation agency, the National Agency for the Safety of Flight (ANSV), said in a statement it is investigating Wednesday morning’s ‘improper landing’, which occurred at the end of a two-hour flight.

The runway was closed a week before the incident, with a NOTAM (notice to airmen) from 23 December informing airlines it is available as a taxiway only, Flightglobal reported.

The website said weather conditions and visibility were good when the easyJet flight landed.

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The plane was given permission to land on runway 04L but touched down on runway 04R instead (file photo)

In a statement, an easyJet spokesperson told MailOnline Travel: ‘easyJet can confirm that flight EZY1847 from Manchester to Pisa landed on runway 04R instead of 04L which was the operational runway at the time.

‘The aircraft landed safely and routinely and all works had been completed on runway 04R at this time.

‘The safety of our passengers and crew is the airline's highest priority at no point was the safety of the passengers on board compromised.’

The spokesperson said an internal safety report was filed and easyJet informed the relevant authorities.

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