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Annex 19 - Safety Management

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council has adopted Annex 19 - Safety Management.

On February 2013 the Council adopted unanimously a new Annex to the Chicago Convention, Annex 19 on Safety Management.

Annex 19 was triggered by the High Level Safety Conference in 2010 and went through a two year process of development steered by the Air Navigation Commission. This first edition of Annex 19 constitutes the first phase of a two phase approach: a first phase limited to the consolidation and reorganization of existing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). Phase 2 will now be a regular amendment to the Annex and will include a review and developments to SMS and SSP provisions.

ICAO Annexes contain globally accepted safety standards and recommended practices used by regulators and industry. Annex 19 requires member States to implement State Safety Programs (SSP) and require their respective aviation industries to implement Safety Management Systems (SMS). Some safety management requirements were incorporated into ICAO Annexes 1, 6, 8, 11, 13 and 14. However, those requirements did not address the integrated nature of the modern air transportation system so the ICAO Council formed the Safety Management Panel to develop Annex 19. Phase one harmonized SMS requirements for the entire aviation industry to provide greater integration of safety management functions.

This is the first new ICAO Annex in over 30 years, reflecting SMS' importance for member States and the international aviation industry.