



IS-BAO Newsletter



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From the Standards Manager...

What an exciting year! We are in the middle of preparing for our 2009 Standards Board meeting and I am sitting here reviewing the progress over this past year. Interest in IS-BAO has grown around the world. This has been spurred, in part, due to the publication of ICAO Annex 6 Part II which requires an SMS and other standards, and the commercial SMS requirement found in Annex 6 Part I. There is increased interest by Government authorities in acknowledging IS-BAO as a means of regulatory compliance. The Overseas Territories of the UK have written their final OTARs and IS-BAO is the preferred means of compliance. Bermuda has led the charge and has mandated compliance by this November. The Cayman Island Registry has just announced they will recognize IS-BAO as a means of compliance. We have met and worked with the Aruba Registry and officials of ANAC- the government authorities in Brazil. See the article below on Europe's recognition of our standard. We will continue our efforts to work with the FAA, and NBAA and many IS-BAO registered companies are part of the FAA's SMS development program.

The number of registered operators continues to grow. We now have over 180 companies that have implemented the program and achieved registration. We are seeing increasing numbers of commercial operators who are implementing IS-BAO and we will be highlighting these companies in our list of Registered Operators on our website. We have our first registered operators in Saudi Arabia, China, Russia, Indonesia, UAE, Italy, and Singapore. Equally impressive is the number of companies that have continued to grow and mature their SMS and have achieved Stage II and Stage III registration levels. Congratulations to all on this accomplishment! It reflects the strong commitment to safety and professionalism in our industry.

It was a pleasure to work with all of you this year and I look forward to meeting more of you and hearing your ideas, suggestions, concerns, questions, and critiques of the program-it is your program and your input is valuable to make sure that IS-BAO continues to grow and meet your needs and remains a quality program. *Kathy*

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European Committee for Standardization Accepts IS-BAO

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN), the official standards-setting organization within Europe, has granted IS-BAO official European recognition as, "Business Aircraft Operations - Code of practice for the management of non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft."

This official endorsement will facilitate recognition of the IS-BAO in upcoming EASA Implementing Rules.

"EASA is pleased with the efforts that IBAC and EBAA made to have the IS-BAO recognized as a European Standard. This action will enable an operator's IS-BAO registration to be recognized within the proposed EASA Implementing Rules system," said Jules Kneepkens, EASA Rulemaking Director.

It is anticipated that non-commercial operators of complex motor-powered aircraft will be able to use their IS-BAO registration in their declaration to the civil aviation authorities as the means they use to meet the regulatory requirements and their associated responsibilities. It is also anticipated that national regulatory authorities will take into account IS-BAO registration in their regulatory oversight of business aviation operators engaged in commercial operations.

SMS Workshop Vendors Selected

IBAC has developed two workshops of interest to those developing and upgrading Safety Management System. The first is the Introduction to SMS Workshop, a two-day classroom event that covers the basics of aviation safety and safety management systems. It includes presentations, discussions and group exercises. This workshop will be of interest to business aviation management personnel in operations, maintenance and other branches who have accountabilities within a safety management system (SMS), and safety officers who wish to develop an understanding of safety management systems.

The second is the SMS Toolkit Workshop. It addresses the SMS development and implementation process. It will be of interest to business aviation management personnel and safety officers who will be involved in using the IBAC SMS Toolkit to develop and implement an SMS.

NBAA just announced three vendors that will produce up to 20 SMS workshops per year. They are ARG/US (Aviation Research Group U.S.), Baldwin Aviation Safety and Compliance and AeronomX. A schedule of their workshops will be released soon by NBAA. Additionally, AeroEx already provides these workshops in Europe under the auspices of EBAA and BBGA; TrainingPort will provide courses in Canada soon under CBAA.

