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2005 Revision Cycle

The January 1, 2005 revisions have been completed and the revised IS-BAO and related documents are in the mail. If you do not receive your revisions by Jan 1, 2005 or if there are any problems with your documents, please send an e-mail message to rayrohr@telusplanet.net. Last year we encountered some problems with mail sorting machines damaging the envelopes. This year we have used a much more durable envelope that should preclude that problem.

In the revision package we have included a summary of the revisions and on the CD we have included a copy of the IS-BAO in "Track Changes" mode. These should allow everyone to easily identify what has been revised. There are no major revisions however, a number have been made to clarify issues. One significant addition is guidance material on fatigue countermeasure for aircraft maintenance personnel. The guidance material includes reference to some very interesting studies and reports on the issue. Another noteworthy revision is in section **6.4 Weather Minima**, which has been revised to clarify the take-off minima issue that had raised some questions.

For those who are still working on IS-BAO implementation, or have started and put it on hold, we have included additional **IS-BAO Implementation Guidance** material on the CD. Hopefully you will find it useful.

IS-BAO Workshops

The 2005 IS-BAO Workshop schedule is now posted on the IBAC web site at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/Audit%20Workshop.htm>. Workshop registration forms can also be downloaded there. Feedback from operators who have attended Workshops indicates that they are very helpful and assist with the implementation process.

NBAA Ops Manual Workshops

One of the important elements of the IS-BAO implementation process is development of the company operations manual. While a generic ops manual comes with the IS-BAO, a number of operators have found the NBAA Flight Operations Manual Workshops to be very beneficial. The next one will be held in 22-23 Feb 2005 in Miami Lakes, FL. For a list of the Workshops and further information check <http://web.nbaa.org/public/cs>.

Reduce Insurance Premiums

At the October 2004 NBAA Convention there were reports that some operators who have completed IS-BAO registration have enjoyed very significant reductions in their insurance premiums. We are working with the aviation insurance industry to ensure that the safety benefits from IS-BAO implementation are recognized. Most of the insurers we have worked with have indicated that they will consider IS-BAO registration as a significant positive factor in determining insurance rates. Our position would be strengthened by an increased number of registered operators. Therefore, we urge you to help yourself and the rest of the business aviation community by completing your IS-BAO implementation and registration.

IS-BAO Implementation

The IS-BAO Implementation Guidance Material mentioned above should be of assistance to those whose IS-BAO implementation progress has been slow. For those who feel that they may need additional assistance there is a list of companies and individuals which provide IS-BAO implementation support at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/implementation.htm>. Please also remember that the IS-BAO Standards Manager (Ray Rohr) is always prepared to respond to questions or concerns that you may have.

Operators, who have completed their IS-BAO implementation, stress the importance of establishing milestones and working to achieve them in order to maintain momentum and complete IS-BAO



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implementation within a reasonable time frame. If milestones are not established and kept, it is easy to let it slide and at worst never complete implementation. The potential benefits to your operation and your company of an effective system to manage safety, security efficiency and effectiveness that can be achieved through the IS-BAO are so great that failure to complete implementation should be strenuously avoided.

SMS Guidance Material

Some new material that may be of interest to operators who are in the process of developing their Safety Management System is available at http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/isbao_sms.htm and http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/isbao_journal.htm. The material includes a number of interesting articles and papers.

The theme of the Seventh GAIN World Conference that was held in Montreal, Canada on September 28-30, 2004 was "Implementing Safety Management Systems – Processes and Tools." Some very interesting presentations from that conference are posted at:

http://204.108.6.79/conferences/documents/gain_7_meeting_agenda_website.htm. Also, a very interesting document [A Roadmap to a Just Culture: Enhancing the Safety Environment](#) is on that website and other informative materials can be found at [Global Aviation Information Network - Products](#).

IS-BAO Video

The IS-BAO DVD "*an Introduction to the IS-BAO*" has been very well received. The audio-visual presentation from the DVD and the comments from a number of operators who have completed the implementation process are posted on the IBAC web site at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao.htm>. If you would like a copy of the DVD please send an e-mail message to rayrohr@telusplanet.net.

IS-BAO Bulletin

An IS-BAO Bulletin was recently published on personal breathing equipment (PBE). It was developed in response to feedback received and reduces the previous requirement for PBEs to a **Recommended Practice** for the crew of pressurized aircraft only. For more information on this bulletin go to http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/isbao_bulletins.htm. It is recommended that flight crew also read the FAA Advisory Circular 120-80 on In-Flight Fires that can be found at:

http://www.airweb.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rqAdvisoryCircular.nsf/0/ED51F1681E9D8C5E86256E4A00744607?OpenDocument. Unfortunately, this issue was raised too late to be included in the January 2005 revision.

IS-BAO Standards Board

The IS-BAO Standards Board met on October 11, 2005. The Decision Record of that meeting is posted at http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/isbao_standards.htm.

IS-BAO Registration of US Part 135 Operators

There are now a number of Part 135 operators who have completed IS-BAO registration. By doing this they are demonstrating their compliance with the industry code of practice as well as the relevant regulatory requirements. Business aircraft operators who now are conducting audits of Part 135 operators, whom they charter, may wish to take IS-BAO Registration into account and consider reducing or eliminating audits of such operators.

Seasons Greetings

All of us at IBAC and the members of the IS-BAO Standards Board would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2005.