

The International Law and Legal Policy Branch

- provides legal advice to the Administrator and senior FAA and DOT officials on the international aspects of FAA programs and policies;
- provides advice and guidance on development of FAA international policies and programs and their conformity with U.S. and international law and agency policies and programs;
- advises officials participating in negotiations and meetings with foreign officials;
- reviews and advises on legal initiatives and activities of foreign governments, including aviation authorities and international organizations and their impact on FAA policies and programs;
- provides legal clearance and assistance in the drafting and negotiation of international agreements on technical assistance, airworthiness, aircraft and air carrier operations, air traffic, security, R&D, and other areas related to aviation safety clears agreements The FAA has over 300 such agreements with more than 90 governments;
- prepares and provides legal review of U.S. position papers on matters before the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other international organizations;
- represents the FAA at ICAO Assemblies and serves as U.S. Representative to the ICAO Legal Committee, and ICAO expert panels and working groups;
- prepares legal policy guidance on the import and export of aircraft, components, and parts, including international airworthiness and maintenance harmonization activities;
- provides legal support for the International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program, which verifies foreign air carrier safety oversight;
- provides legal support for the international representatives and overseas offices;
- provides a point of contact in the FAA Office of Chief Counsel for international activities and provides liaison and coordination with other agency legal offices, as necessary and appropriate;

- provides legal policy guidance on registration of aircraft, leasing issues and the recordation of property rights in aircraft;
- provides legal support on matters involving the administration of the Aviation Insurance Program, including the Department of Defense Civilian Reserve Aviation Fleet (CRAF) and US agencies contracting for air support;
- provides legal support to FAA crisis management functions, including the Crisis Response Working Group (CRWG), international flight prohibitions and restrictions, and support to the FAA Emergency Operations Staff (ADA20)
- serves as the lead legal office in preparing a Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) restricting or prohibiting flight operations in an area that is the subject of U.S. or U.N. sanctions, or where civil aviation is threatened by local events; and
- supports the FAA Emergency Operations Staff in responding to domestic emergencies and natural disasters, preparation of emergency preparedness exercises, and the development of emergency response plans, procedures and cooperative agreements.