

**ORDER**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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**SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

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1. **PURPOSE.** This order establishes the Federal Aviation Administration International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program. It provides guidance and assigns responsibility for determining the need and process for assessment of the civil aviation authority (CAA) of a foreign country. The assessment is to determine whether the CAA effectively operates a safety oversight system in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards. The IASA program will assess countries whose air carrier(s) and operator(s) conduct international air service or international air transportation operations to the United States under Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 129 and 375. It will also address other statutory, regulatory, and administration policies.

2. **DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to the director level in Washington headquarters and the centers; to all regional administrators; to the branch level in the Flight Standards Service; to the Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards Divisions; and to all Flight Standards field offices.

3. **BACKGROUND.** After a major foreign carrier accident, which occurred in New York in 1991, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began to formulate a program that assessed the foreign CAA, not individual airlines, to adhere to international standards and recommended practices for aircraft operations and maintenance established by ICAO, the United Nation's technical agency for aviation. This program included visits to 12 countries with airlines seeking authority to operate to and from the United States. After a trial period and as a result of the initial findings, the IASA program was formally established and the new policy was published August 24, 1992, in the Federal Register, Volume 57, Number 164. The purpose of the IASA program is to ensure that all foreign air carriers that operate to or from the United States are properly licensed and the countries' CAAs meet the minimum international standards for safety oversight.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Flight Standards Service is responsible for the IASA process and all related regulations, standards, and guidance material. The International Programs and Policy Office, AFS-50, is responsible for the implementation, administration, and program oversight including the development of program guidance material and standard operating procedures. All FAA personnel involved with planning, management, or implementation of the IASA program are responsible for adherence to this order.

5. **BASIC GUIDELINES.** Program elements and specific criteria are contained in the basic FAA International Aviation Safety Assessment Guidelines, including program overview,

assessment results, and auditor's checklist and qualifications. These can be accessed on the Internet at Uniform Resource Locator address **<http://www.faa.gov/avr/iasa/index.htm>**.

6. **INTERNET.** This order can be accessed on the Internet at Uniform Resource Locator address **<http://www.faa.gov/avr/afshome.htm>**.



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