



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**  
National Policy

**ORDER**  
**8430.24A**

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**SUBJ:** International Aviation Safety Assessment Program

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**1. Purpose of This Order.** This order defines the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) 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. Under the IASA Program, the FAA determines whether another country's oversight of its air carriers that operate, or seek to operate, in the United States, or code-share with a U.S. air carrier under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 129 and 375, complies with safety standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

**2. Audience.** This order is distributed to the director level in Washington, D.C., headquarters (HQ) and the centers; to all regional administrators; to the branch level in the Flight Standards Service (AFS); to the Regulatory Standards Division (AMA-200) at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center (MMAC); to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards divisions (RFSD); and to all Flight Standards Field Offices (FSFO).

**3. Where You Can Find This Order.** You can find this order on the MyFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices). Inspectors can access this order through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Air carriers (operators) can find this order on the FAA Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This order is available to the public at [http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/orders\\_notices](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).

**4. What This Order Cancels.** This order cancels Order 8430.24, International Aviation Safety Assessment Program, dated December 10, 2001.

**5. Explanation of Policy Changes.** This revision incorporates the latest updates to 14 CFR parts 129 and 375; a new Web address for IASA program information; and clarification about IASA category ratings.

**6. Background.** After a major foreign carrier accident, which occurred in New York in 1990, the FAA began to formulate a program that assessed whether foreign CAAs, not individual airlines, adhered to international standards and recommended practices for aircraft operations and maintenance established by the ICAO, the United Nations' 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 published in the Federal Register (FR) Vol. 57, No. 164, August 24, 1992. The IASA Program helps ensure that foreign air carriers that operate to or from the U.S., or partner with U.S. air carriers, are properly certificated and receive

effective safety oversight by their countries' CAA, in compliance with minimum international standards established by the ICAO.

- The FAA publicly releases IASA results, in accordance with FR Vol. 59, No. 173, September 8, 1994.
- FR Vol. 60, No. 210, October 31, 1995, specifies technical permissions for foreign air carriers from countries with an IASA category rating.
- FR Vol. 78, No. 46, March 8, 2013, ensures that countries do not remain categorized when the results of their IASA determinations might no longer be accurate or reasonably current.

**7. AFS Responsibilities.** AFS is responsible for the IASA process and all related regulations, standards, and guidance material. The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50) is responsible for the implementation, administration, and program oversight, including the development of program guidance material and standard operating procedures (SOP). All FAA personnel involved with planning, management, or implementation of the IASA Program must adhere to this order.

**8. Basic Guidelines.** Assessment results and other information about the IASA Program are available at: [www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/iasa](http://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/iasa).

**9. Directive Feedback Information.** Direct questions or comments to AFS-50 at 202-267-0962. For your convenience, FAA Form 1320-19, Directive Feedback Information, is the last page of this order. Note any deficiencies found, clarifications needed, or suggested improvements regarding the contents of this order on FAA Form 1320-19.



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