

Safety Policy of the Belgian Civil Aviation Authority

1. Introduction

The Safety Policy of the Belgian Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) is based on the Governance Agreement of the Federal Public Service of Mobility and Transport, which itself is converted into a strategic and operational plan, and on the Belgian Aviation Safety Program approved by the President of the Federal Public Service of Mobility and Transport, who is in charge of the BCAA.

2. Objectives

The BCAA strives for a continuous improvement of aviation safety within the framework of the regulatory provisions of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and of the European Union (EU) and this for all domains of the civil aviation chain. The BCAA also promotes a sustainable aviation and supports the economic strengthening of the Belgian aviation sector. The BCAA will therefore make every effort to reduce the number of accidents and incidents in civil aviation.

3. Measures

The BCAA promotes, regulates and supervises the safety of civil aviation in Belgium. The BCAA is fully committed to developing and implementing effective strategies, regulatory frameworks and processes to ensure that aviation activities under its oversight achieve the highest practicable level of safety.

To this end the BCAA shall:

- ❖ Implement the respective safety standards and regulations of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Union (EU).
- ❖ Integrate a safety culture into all its activities to ensure that aviation safety is managed as effectively as possible.
- ❖ Encourage safety information collection, analysis and exchange amongst all relevant aviation companies, service providers and private stakeholders and associations, with the intent that such information is to be used for safety management purposes only.
- ❖ Measure and monitor the safety performance of the Belgian aviation system through the safety indicators of the Belgian State.
- ❖ Identify safety trends within the aviation industry and adopt a risk-based approach to address areas of greater safety concern or need.
- ❖ Support the introduction and operation of Safety Management System (SMS) among the Belgian service providers.
- ❖ Collaborate with the aviation industry to address safety issues and to continuously enhance aviation safety.
- ❖ Promote best safety practices and a positive organization culture within the industry based on sound safety management principles.
- ❖ Promote the principle of a 'just culture' where front-line operators or other persons are not punished for their actions, omissions or decisions taken by them that are commensurate with their experience and training, but in which gross negligence, wilful misconduct and destructive acts are not tolerated.
- ❖ Support the safe and economic development of the drone sector.

- ❖ Contribute to the implementation of an ambitious environmental policy at national and international level.
- ❖ Contribute through studies to broadening knowledge about aviation safety in order to better substantiate policy decisions.
- ❖ Ensure that the BCAA staff share a common supervision philosophy and practices, have the proper skills and expertise to discharge their safety oversight and management responsibilities competently. The BCAA will ensure that they receive proper and targeted training.

For the Belgian Civil Aviation Authority,

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