

Safety Policy of the Belgian Civil Aviation Authority

1. Introduction

The Safety Policy of the Belgium Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) is based on the Belgian Aviation Safety Programme that was 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 and this for all domains of the civil aviation chain. The BCAA also promotes a sustainable aviation and supports an economic strengthening of the Belgian aviation sector.

3. Measures

The BCAA promotes, regulates and supervises the safety of civil aviation in Belgium. The BCAA is 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 the dedicated activities in order to ensure that aviation safety is managed as effectively as possible.
- ❖ Encourage safety information collection, analysis and exchange amongst all relevant industry organizations, service providers and private stakeholders and associations, with the intent that such information is to be used for safety management purposes only.
- ❖ Monitor and measure the safety performance of the Belgian aviation system continuously through the Belgium State's safety indicators.
- ❖ 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 matters and continuously enhance aviation safety.
- ❖ Promote best safety practices and a positive organization culture within the industry based on sound safety management principles.
- ❖ Advance the principle of a 'just culture' in which front-line operators or other persons are not punished for actions, omissions or decisions taken by them that are commensurate with their experience and training, but in which gross negligence, wilful violations and destructive acts are not tolerated.
- ❖ Ensure that the BCAA's civil servants 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 provide them with the appropriate targeted training.

For the Belgian Civil Aviation Authority

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