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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATE SAFETY PROGRAMME (SSP) IN BOTSWANA**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is to inform the aviation industry of plans to introduce regulations relating to the State Safety Programme (SSP) in order to prepare the whole industry for SSP implementation.

#### **2. APPLICABILITY**

This AIC is applicable to all operators, organisations, and persons involved in aviation activities.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) requires a State that is a signatory to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (also known as the Chicago Convention) to implement an SSP in order to achieve an acceptable level of safety in civil aviation. SSP is an integrated set of regulations and activities aimed at improving safety. This document spells out how Botswana plans to implement the State safety programme.

#### **4. HOW SSP WILL BE ADMINISTERED**

Implementation of SSP in Botswana will be done in three stages as follows:

4.1 Near-Term (by 2017):- Implementation of an effective safety oversight system.

4.2 Mid-Term (by 2022):- Full implementation of the ICAO State safety programme framework.

4.3 Long-Term (by 2027):- Advanced safety oversight system including predictive risk management.

## **5. PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES**

5.1 CAAB activities will include:

- (a) Safety rulemaking based on comprehensive analysis of the State's aviation system;
- (b) Safety policies developed based on the hazard identification and safety risk management; and,
- (c) Safety oversight focused towards the areas of significant safety concerns or higher safety risks.

5.2 Service Providers will be required to implement a Safety Management System (SMS) acceptable to the State that;

- (a) Identifies safety hazards,
- (b) Ensures the implementation of remedial action necessary to maintain agreed safety performance targets,
- (c) Provides for continuous monitoring and regular assessment of the safety performance, and
- (d) Aims at a continuous improvement of the overall performance of the safety management system.

## **6. FOCAL POINTS and SSP TEAM**

In order to facilitate communication on SSP related matters, all affected organisations will be expected to nominate SSP Focal Points and Alternates and provide their contact information to CAAB as soon as practicable but not later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

## **7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Further information or clarification may be obtained from the CAAB Flight Safety Oversight office. The ICAO SSP Page (<https://www.icao.int/safety/SafetyManagement/Pages/default.aspx>) may also be consulted.

**This AIC becomes effective immediately.**