Introducing the IATA Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA) Program

Now operators with smaller aircraft can enjoy all the benefits of an IATA Safety Assessment. Created to meet the needs of operators not eligible for IATA’s Operational Safety Audit program (IOSA), the IATA Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA) program opens the door to airlines operating aircraft below 5,700 kg maximum take-off weight (MTOW).

Building on a proven international model

ISSA builds on IATA’s internationally recognized IOSA program, assessing documentation and implementation of each requirement and inclusive of the organization and management system of the operator (ORG). Assessment standards are derived directly from IOSA Standards and Recommended Practices, including elements of the ICAO Safety Management System (SMS).

For more information, visit us at iata.org/ISSA or contact issa@iata.org
Gain greater safety performance, efficiency and much more!
As a program participant, you will benefit from:
• A global safety standard for commercial operators not covered by existing programs
• Measuring operator’s conformity with relevant ICAO requirements
• Gradual implementation of Safety Management System (SMS) elements
• Access to the online ISSA Registry upon successful completion of the assessment
• Improved marketing and commercial advantages for operators
• Improved conditions for reduction of insurance premiums

Who is eligible for the program?
A voluntary program, ISSA is not linked, associated or conditional for IATA Membership and is available to:
• Commercial passenger and/or cargo operators
• Aircraft with one or more turbine powered and/or multiple reciprocating engines
• Single and/or two-pilot operations
• IFR and/or VFR operations
• Aircraft below 5,700 kg MTOW
• Aircraft above 5,700 kg MTOW will be eligible only for an initial ISSA assessment thereafter, the operator can pursue an IOSA registration. Alternatively, aircraft above 5,700 kg MTOW will be assessed as out of scope during the next ISSA renewal assessment.

The assessment process
With IATA’s Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA) program, the initial assessment is followed by biennial renewal assessments. The assessment is conducted by two approved IOSA auditors from an accredited Audit Organization for two days and precedes a follow-up process to address the findings from the assessment, if any.

A program continually improving to meet industry needs
ISSA standards will be continually reviewed to ensure relevance and effectiveness. As such, standards will be upgraded in accordance with industry needs and ICAO provisions while relevant Recommended Practices will be progressively upgraded to the standards.

Raise your operational safety today!
Discover more of the many advantages of the new IATA Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA) Program!