SMS Implementation

The safety management rules (Part 100) came into force on 1 February 2016. GROUP 2 participants are required to submit their SMS implementation plan to the CAA by 30 July 2018. This plan, accompanied by application form CAA 24100/01, will describe how your organisation will implement a system for safety management.

As part of your plan, you are required to propose a date that must be before 1 February 2021, by which time your organisation will be ready to implement your SMS. A date for implementation will be set by the CAA, taking into account the inherent risks of your activities, the complexity of your organisation, and any resourcing or scheduling impacts for both your organisation and the CAA.

AC100-1 Safety Management, Section 3, and the accompanying annexes detail the requirements of an acceptable implementation plan. The implementation plan is a roadmap describing how the organisation intends to implement processes that meet the requirements of Part 100 and associated organisation certification rules. Therefore, the implementation plan should be a strategy for managing SMS implementation including adequate resourcing and realistic timeline.

Note that it is in your interest to submit your plan before 30 July 2018, and propose and work to a date for implementation earlier than the final date of 1 February 2021. The CAA will be working to manage their SMS certification workload by spreading dates for implementation over the transition period.

For SMS industry workshops and other SMS information, see...

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