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# ICAO Annex 19 'Safety Management'

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## The case for Safety Management



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# Concept of safety

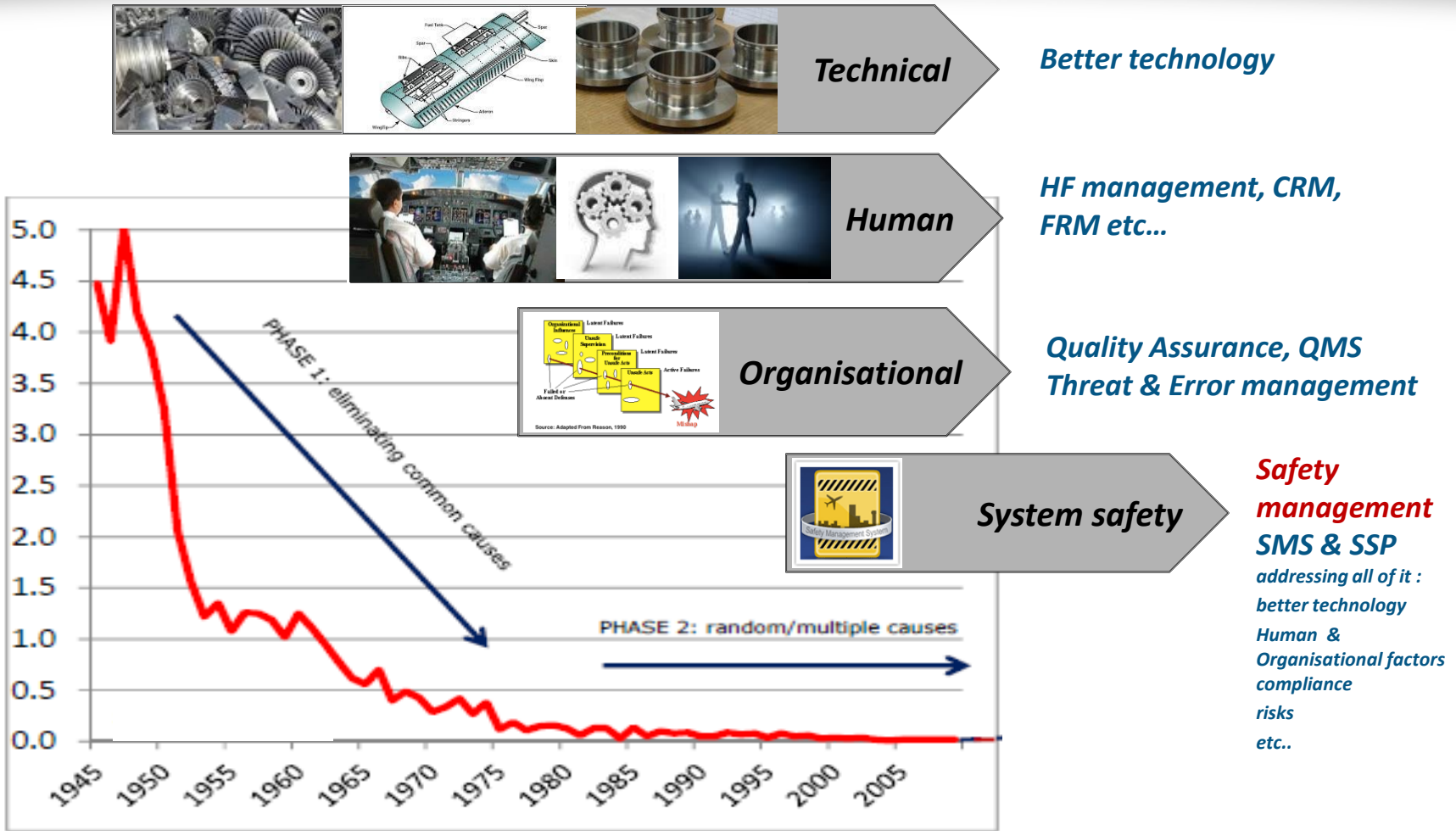
## ➤ **What is safety**

- *Zero accidents (or serious incidents)?*
- *Freedom from danger or risks?*
- *Error avoidance?*
- *Regulatory compliance?*
- *... ?*

- Controlled risk and controlled error is acceptable in an inherently safe system.
- Safety is a systems property, it can only be determined for the whole system under consideration.
- Safety constraints need to be enforced at all system levels. SMS provides the framework for this to happen in a systematic way.



# Rate of accidents since 1945 & Evolution of safety thinking



Global rate of accidents involving passenger fatalities per 100 million passenger miles, scheduled commercial air transport operations, excluding acts of unlawful interference



# Why do we need to do more?

Fast pace of technological change – new business models

Changing nature of accidents

- New types of hazards – emergence of **organisational accidents**

Reduced ability to learn from experience

- time to market for new products has greatly decreased

Increasing complexity and coupling of system 'components'

- cause and effect are less and less related in a direct/linear way

More complex relationships between humans and automation, role of software

Changing regulatory and public views (perception) on safety



# Organisational accidents

*The immediate cause of many accidents is identified as **human or technical failure**, but these in turn usually stem from **organisational failures** which are the responsibility of **management**.*

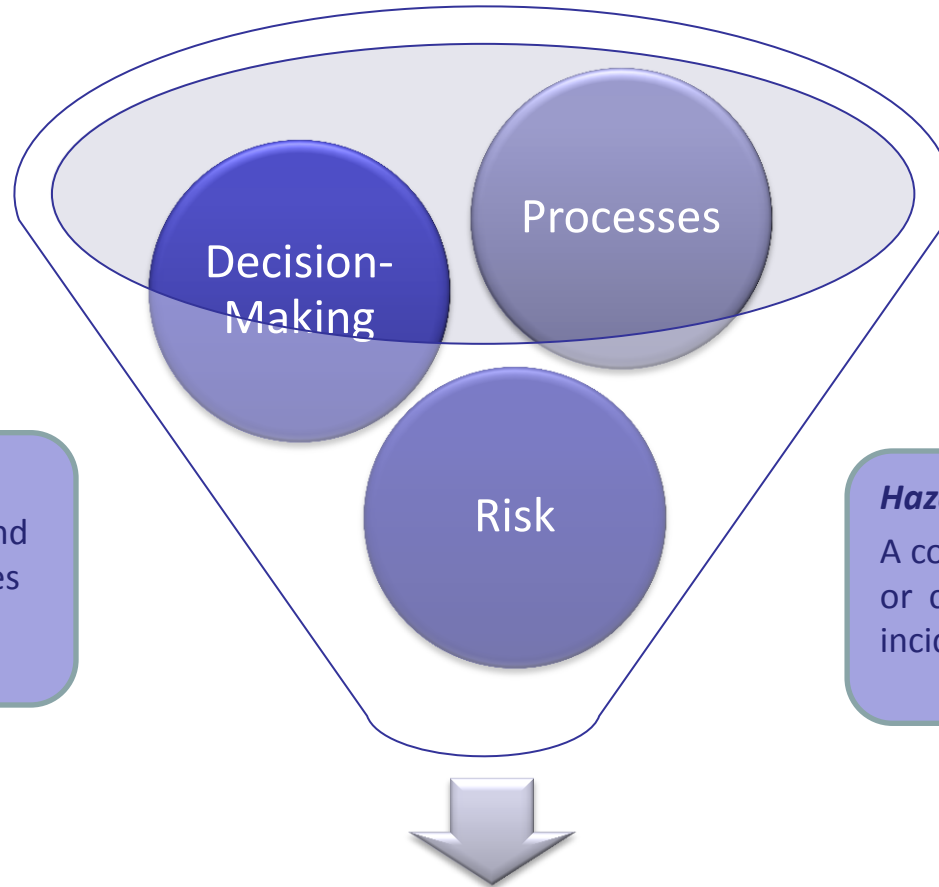
*“Individual accidents are by far the larger in number. Organisational accidents are comparatively rare, but often **catastrophic, events that occur within complex modern technologies.**”*

*“Organisational accidents have multiple causes involving many people operating at different levels of their respective companies...Organisational accidents are the product of recent times, or more specifically, a product of technological innovations which have radically altered the relationship between systems and their human elements.”*

James Reason, *Managing the Risk of Organizational Accidents*, Ashgate publishing, 1997.



# What is a safety management system (SMS)?



## **Safety risk**

The predicted probability and severity of the consequences or outcomes of a hazard.

## **Hazard**

A condition that could cause or contribute to an aircraft incident or accident.

*A series of defined, **organisation**-wide processes that provide for effective risk-based decision-making related to a company's daily business.*





# Key processes of an SMS

## Hazard identification

- A method for identifying hazards related to the whole organisation (operational + systemic hazards)

## Safety reporting

- A process for the acquisition of safety data not only related to product safety

## Risk Management

- A standard approach for assessing risks and for applying risk controls

## Performance Measurement

- Management tools for analysing how effectively the organisation's safety goals are being achieved

## Safety Assurance

- Processes based on quality management principles that support continual improvement of the organisation's safety performance



# QMS versus SMS

- Both QMS and SMS promote systems approach and continual improvement.
- QMS and SMS may use the same tools and techniques:
  - e.g. performance monitoring – Key Performance Indicators (KPIs),
  - management of business risks,
  - process mapping / system and process analysis,
  - auditing, surveys.
- An effective QMS will support the implementation of effective safety management processes.

## **BUT**

- Quality management systems (QMS) are geared towards customer expectations and contractual/regulatory obligations.
- SMS is about identifying hazards and managing risks.
- Processes designed to produce a quality product/service alone will not guarantee safety (safety is a systems property, not a component property).



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# Starting point: ICAO High-level Safety Conference 2010

*RECOMMENDATION 2/5:* ICAO should develop, in close collaboration with States, international and national organizations, a **new Annex dedicated to safety management responsibilities and processes** which would address the safety management responsibilities of States framed under the State Safety Programme (SSP).

*In response to the HLSC 2010 recommendation, the ICAO Air Navigation Commission recommended that the new Annex be developed in two phases:*

- Phase 1 involved the consolidation of existing safety management provisions previously contained in as many as 6 different Annexes, into a single new Annex.
- The development of enhanced requirements is the focus of Phase 2 that started in November 2012.
- The first amendment of Annex 19 Edition 1 is scheduled for **November 2016**. It will then follow a **three-year amendment cycle**.



# Transfer of common SSP/SMS elements from the existing ICAO Annexes

Annex 1  
Personnel Licensing



Annex 6  
Operation of Aircraft



Annex 8  
Airworthiness



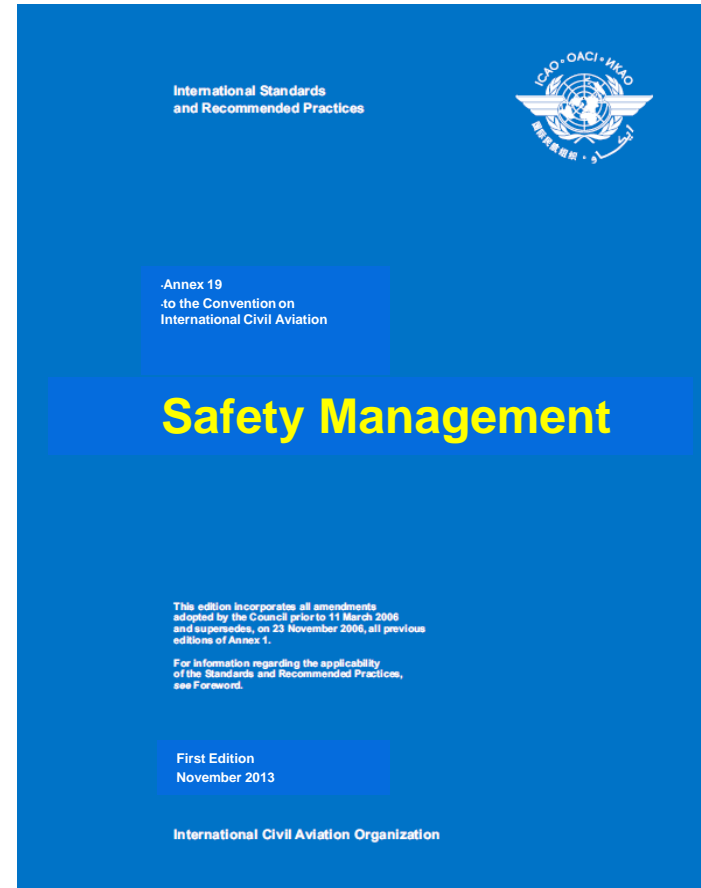
Annex 11  
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elements**

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State Safety Programme (SSP): 4  
components and 11 elements**

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the Protection of Information from  
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# Status of Annex components

## **STANDARDS**

uniform application is recognised as necessary (differences to be notified to ICAO)

## **RECOMMENDED PRACTICES**

uniform application is recognised as desirable (no need to notify differences to ICAO)

## **APPENDICES**

form part of the Standards and Recommended Practices

## **ATTACHMENTS**

comprise material supplementary to the SARPs, but do not have the value of SARPs (mostly guidance for application)



# ICAO Annex 19 – addressee

## STATES

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## SERVICE PROVIDERS

Chapter 4 - Safety Management  
System

Appendix 2 - Framework for a  
Safety Management System (SMS)

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These provisions, transferred from Annex 13, provide the necessary foundation for the collection, protection, analysis and exchange of safety data to complement the SSP provisions.





# ICAO Annex 19 – Applicability

## Chapter 2:

- The Standards and Recommended Practices contained in this Annex shall be applicable to **safety management functions related to, or in direct support of, the safe operation of aircraft.**



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## Chapter 3 / Chapter 4:

**approved training organizations** in accordance with Annex 1 that are exposed to safety risks related to aircraft operations during the provision of their services;

**operators** of aeroplanes or helicopters authorized to conduct international commercial air transport / CAT (Annex 6, Part I or Part III, Section II);

approved **maintenance organizations** providing services to operators of aeroplanes or helicopters engaged in international CAT (Annex 6, Part I or Part III, Section II);

organizations responsible for the **type design or manufacture of aircraft**, in accordance with Annex 8;

**air traffic services** providers in accordance with Annex 11; and

**operators of certified aerodromes** in accordance with Annex 14.

**international general aviation operators** of large or turbojet aeroplanes in accordance with Annex 6 Part II Section III.



# ICAO Annex 19 – Applicability

## International General Aviation

- The SMS of an international general aviation operator, conducting operations of large or turbojet aeroplanes in accordance with Annex 6, Part II, Sec 3, **shall be commensurate with the size and complexity of the operation.**
- Recommendation.— *The SMS should as a minimum include:*
  - *a process to identify actual and potential safety hazards and assess the associated risks;*
  - *a process to develop and implement remedial action necessary to maintain an acceptable level of safety; and*
  - *provision for continuous monitoring and regular assessment of the appropriateness and effectiveness of safety management activities*



# SSP/SMS Components





# Annex 19 and the EU/EASA System

## European Aviation Safety Programme and Plan

Oversight  
EASA Authority  
Requirements

State's Safety Programme  
(selective Authority Requirements)

SMS  
EASA Organisation  
Requirements

Safety data collection, analysis and exchange  
Selective EASA Authority – and Organisation Requirements &  
EU Regulation 376/2014 on Occurrence Reporting and follow-up



# Annex 19 - further information

**ICAO Safety Management website:**

**<http://www.icao.int/safety/SafetyManagement/Pages>**



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