



European Aviation Safety Agency

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Subject: Invitation to the EASA Workshop on Safety Management Systems on 15 - 16 January 2008

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the EASA Workshop on Safety Management Systems organised by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on 15 and 16 January 2008 in Cologne.

The European Aviation Safety Agency is holding this two-day workshop to bring together a wide range of delegates interested in Safety Management System (SMS) covering the various domains of aviation safety, such as initial airworthiness, continued airworthiness, air operations, airports and ATM.

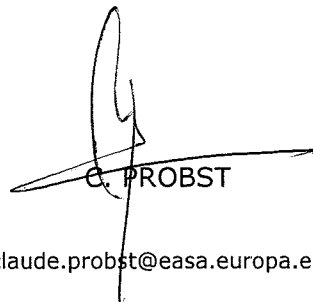
This workshop will explore:

- the views of ICAO on the State Safety Programme and SMS;
- the experience of other regulatory authorities in the development of SMS requirements and their implementation;
- which essentials of a state safety programme as defined by ICAO are already covered in the actual EASA system;
- which elements of a SMS are incorporated in the EASA regulatory framework;
- possible gaps between EU-OPS and ICAO SMS standards and recommendations for air operators; and
- the view of organisations on the implementation of SMS.

The most important is that we enable an open and fruitful discussion, and herewith I encourage you to attend this workshop in Cologne and use this possibility for open exchange of ideas. This will facilitate a better understanding of SMS and Safety Programme concept in the European context.

The preliminary agenda and additional information can be found attached to this letter. If you have further questions or you would like to confirm your participation, please contact Manuel Estrada using email: manuel.estrada@easa.europa.eu or +49 221 89990 5028.

Yours faithfully,



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