



Safety policy of the Federal Office of Civil Aviation

1. Basis

The Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA) has the task of creating the framework conditions for safe and sustainable aviation in Switzerland. The foundations for this are the 2016 report of the Federal Council on aviation policy in Switzerland and the 2020 State Safety Program (SSP) of the Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC).

2. Objective

In order to protect the population and travellers effectively, the FOCA, as the supervisory authority for Swiss aviation, strives to achieve a high safety standard in a European cross-comparison.

3. Principles of action

- The FOCA defines specific safety objectives (Target Levels of Safety). It measures safety performance based on indicators and if necessary takes appropriate measures.
- The FOCA operates an effective safety risk management system at the national level. It assesses the damage potential and probability of occurrence of risks. No unacceptable safety risks may arise.
- The Office performs its duties by legislation, licensing and supervision of Swiss civil aviation. The processes for this are clearly described and are applied consistently.
- The FOCA prioritises action areas and uses its resources where protection of the population and travellers can be improved most effectively. This is based on comprehensible risk assessments and the national interest.
- By means of rolling strategic planning in the Swiss Aviation Safety Plan (SASP), the Office prepares for future developments in relation to safety.

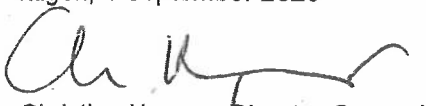
4. Measures

The FOCA takes the following measures to enforce the safety standards:

- It implements the ICAO and EU safety standards. It applies recommendations which conform to best practice. However, disproportionate burdens on the industry must be avoided. All employees make their contribution to further developing Swiss aviation within this framework.
- It is committed to enacting new safety regulations if they lead to an effective improvement in safety.
- When developing new safety regulations, it ensures that the participants active in aviation are involved at an early stage. To this end, it maintains a stakeholder involvement process.
- It supports a positive safety culture, as well as the operation, ongoing development and continuous improvement of safety management systems among aviation participants and internally in the Office. Senior management demonstrate their commitment to this.
- It promotes open reporting on safety-related incidents. Its personnel promote open communication internally and externally.
- It ensures that persons reporting suffer no disadvantages on the basis of the information that they have submitted to the FOCA as part of the reporting process. This principle applies insofar as there is no intent or serious lack of professional due diligence.
- It ensures that its employees are highly competent, act in unison and demonstrate exemplary behaviour. The Office ensures the necessary training.

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