



ADVISORY BULLETIN FOR STATES

Subject: INFORMATION TO STATES ON APPROACH AND LANDING ACCIDENT REDUCTION (ALAR) AND CONTROLLED FLIGHT INTO TERRAIN (CFIT) PREVENTION TRAINING

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1. PURPOSE

- a. The purpose of this Advisory Bulletin is to assist States' in developing appropriate legislation, regulations and/or standards to require air operators to ensure flight crew receive initial and recurrent Approach and Landing Accidents (ALA) and CFIT prevention training.
- b. This Bulletin is developed to comply with the decisions of the COSCAP-South Asia Steering Committee taken at its 13th Meeting on 29 November - 01 December 2004 to implement the relevant SARAST recommendations.

2. BACKGROUND

- a. Accident statistics indicate that over half of all accidents happen during approach and landing. In addition, controlled flight into terrain (CFIT) is the leading cause of commercial aircraft fatalities. Of the 16 hull lost accidents to large commercial jets in 2003, seven were CFIT and 11 were ALAs. The rate of CFIT accidents has been substantially reduced by the installation of Ground Proximity Warning System (GPWS) and more recently Terrain Avoidance Warning Systems (TAWS) commonly know as Enhanced GPWS on transport category airplanes. However, not all air operator aeroplanes are required to have TAWS equipment installed and there has been an average of five CFIT accidents a year for the past 10 years.
- b. Worldwide accident data demonstrate that pilots require improved training in prevention of Approach and Landing (ALA) and CFIT accidents in general, and in performance of the ground proximity escape maneuver in particular.

- c. The Approach and Landing Accident and CFIT training programme is primarily directed toward two aspects of the ALA/CFIT problem: avoidance and escape. **The most important goal for any flight crew is maintain vertical and horizontal situational awareness in relation to the ground, water, and obstacles.** When this is not accomplished and the potential for impact with the ground, water, or obstacles is imminent, the proper escape maneuver must be used to improve the chance of surviving.

3. SCOPE

- a. The scope of this Bulletin is designed to identify the requirement for States to require air operators to conduct ALAR and CFIT training and to advise of sources of information that are available for the provisions of this training.

4. CFIT Training Programme

- a. This CFIT training programme can be structured to stand alone, but it may also be integrated into existing initial, transition, and recurrent training and check programs. The ground training programme is designed to improve awareness by increasing the flight crew's ability to recognize and avoid impending CFIT situations. The simulator training programme is designed to apply this knowledge, as well as develop proficiency in an escape maneuver that must be used as a last resort for survival. Air operators should provide this training during initial/transition training and at least once every two years as part of recurrent training.
- b. The objectives of the Training Programme are to provide the pilot with the ability to:
- Recognize the factors that may lead to CFIT accidents and incidents.
 - Know the prevention strategies that will ensure a safe flight.
 - Improve situational awareness in order to avoid CFIT.
 - Learn an escape maneuver and techniques designed to enhance the possibility of survival.
- c. A "Controlled Flight into Terrain Education and Training Aid" has been widely distributed by ICAO, manufactures and CAAs to many air operators. More recently the Flight Safety Foundation (FSF) has produced the Approach and Landing Accident Reduction (ALAR) Tool Kit, which in addition to information concerning ALAR, includes an updated and more user friendly version of the Controlled Flight into Terrain Education and Training Aid.

The CFIT Training material contained in the FSF ALAR Tool Kit includes detailed information concerning CFIT, information for the avoidance of CFIT, and CFIT training programme material and a safety alert containing the ground proximity escape maneuver recommended for many of the specific airplane makes and models flown by most air operators. A generic ground proximity escape maneuver is provided for use in respect to airplanes that do not have a specific maneuver. It is recommended that air operators utilize the FSF ALAR Tool Kit as a basis for developing their training programme.

5. ALAR Training Programme

- a.** This ALAR training programme should be integrated into existing initial, transition, and recurrent training and check programs. The ground training programme is designed to improve awareness by increasing the flight crew's ability to recognize and avoid situations to help prevent approach and landing accidents (ALAs). Air operators should provide this training during initial/transition training and at least once every two years as part of recurrent training.
- b.** The objectives of the Training Programme are to provide the pilot with the ability to:
 - Be aware of the high risk involved in the approach and landing phase of flight;
 - Know the available interventions to address this risk (e.g. SOP's, stabilized approach criteria, no fault go around policy, etc.);
 - Increase awareness of ALA pre-cursors;
 - Learn and apply risk reduction interventions to reduce the risk of approach and landing accidents.
- c.** The Flight Safety Foundation (FSF) has produced the Approach and Landing Accident Reduction (ALAR) Tool Kit, which includes a variety of information to help prevent approach and landing accidents. In addition to providing training material to help prevent ALAs, there are many other tools and educational material contained in the FSF Tool Kit that air operators may wish to utilize to reduce their risk of approach and landing accidents.

6. ACTION BY STATES

- a.** States may or may not have yet incorporated the requirement for ALAR/CFIT training to be conducted by air operators in their State. States that have yet to do so are requested to initiate action to mandate the requirement for ALAR/CFIT prevention training.

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