

Online one-stop-shop

AUSTRALIA'S aviation industry can now access a one-stop shop of online information about the transition to the new civil aviation safety regulations.

CASA has established a special section on its internet site focusing on the process of moving to the new Civil Aviation Safety Regulations at www.casa.gov.au/transition/

These web pages will become increasingly important as the aviation industry shifts its focus from the development of the new regulations to their implementation.

Almost half the parts under the new regulations have been formally made, with the rest scheduled to be presented to the Federal Government by the end of this year.

The new rules transition section on the CASA website includes information on flight operations, licensing, maintenance, airworthiness and certification, airspace and safety management.

There is a brief explanation of aviation legislation describing the Civil Aviation Act, the existing civil aviation regulations and the new regulations. Each step of the process in the transition to the new rules is outlined.

SMS comments sought

A REVISED DRAFT advisory circular about new rules for safety management systems was published on October 7 and is currently available for public comment.

Draft AC 119-270 covers safety management systems and safety manager positions for CASR Part 119 – Air Transport Operations.

The circular offers practical guidance material for air transport operations to help operators develop effective systems for managing safety.

A safety management system is an integrated set of work practices, beliefs and procedures for monitoring the safety and health of all aspects of an operation.

A successful safety management system involves goal setting, planning, allocation of resources and time, documentation and the measurement of performance against goals.

Safety management must be actively managed from the top of the company and seen as an integral aspect of business management.

See the draft advisory circular at: <http://www.casa.gov.au/avreg/newrules/casr/119.htm#docs> or phone CASA's Mick Haxell on 131 757 for more information.

Part 47 alert to aircraft owners

A RECENT letter to Australian aircraft owners and registration certificate holders asking for up-to-date details, has prompted a good response.

With implementation plans for the new Part 47 registration rules now well developed, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority wrote to everyone noted in its database as a property interest holder or as holding a certificate for a VH-registered aircraft, to inform them of forthcoming changes and verify their contact details.

Up-to-date information in CASA's aircraft database is vital to ensure a smooth transition to the Part 47 registration system. Incorrect details may cause an aircraft registration certificate to lapse or transfer to the wrong person.

Those who will be affected by the rules prescribed in Part 47 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations are:

- the registration certificate holder – the

person or organisation legally responsible for ensuring an aircraft's maintenance and continuing airworthiness; and

- any property interest holders – the people or organisations who have some property interest in an aircraft either as a legal owner, purchaser, under a hire purchase agreement, or an operator using the aircraft under a contractual agreement.

For most of the 12,000 aircraft in CASA's database, the registration certificate holder and the property interest holder are the same person or organisation. Transferring those registrations to the new rules will be simple. But where there are differences, CASA will be asking for additional information.

If you did not receive CASA's 26 September letter but believe you should have, or you wish to read the regulations proposed for Part 47, visit www.casa.gov.au/casadata/register/part47.htm for access to the documents.



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Noticing new changes to NFRMs

NOTICES OF final rule making (NFRM) are now the final step in the consulting process for new rules. Previously, public submissions were summed up in a summary of responses (SOR). However, an increase in the information being documented has led CASA to retitle SORs as NFRMs.

For each proposed new rule, the NFRM will provide (if applicable):

- background on the whole consulting process for that rule
- analysis of all public comments and responses and analysis of subsequent conferences, seminars and working group outcomes
- the final CASA position on the rule, the effect it will have on industry, and the

cost-benefit of the change.

- implementation, transition and review statements explaining when the rule is scheduled to commence, and the timing of the review to be held after the rule comes into effect
- the final draft legislation as prepared by the Attorney-General's Department
- the final manual of standards (MOS)
- the final advisory circulars (ACs)
- a comparison of the new rule with existing legislation, with comments explaining the changes.

NFRMs will be published when the final rule is submitted to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services for approval, before the regulations are made.