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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The scope of this SIAN is to serve as an official notification for the newly revised publication of the State Plan for Aviation Safety (SPAS) in Malta. This publication is part of the State Safety documentation review process currently being conducted by the CAD. The Malta State Safety Programme was reviewed and published in August 2020.

The State Plan for Aviation Safety in Malta is the working document containing the strategic direction and management of aviation safety within an established time-period. This plan lists issues identified at regional level (EASA) and national safety issues while setting national aviation safety goals and targets. The SPAS in Malta is reviewed periodically in order to maintain its relevance within the aviation industry.

## 2.0 SPAS DOCUMENT FORMAT

The SPAS in Malta is divided into four sections including appendices, whereby each section is addressing specific matters of information. The two noteworthy Operator/Organisation action areas can be found in Section 3 and in the relevant Appendices.

Section 1 and Section 2 provide a general overview of the EPAS framework, the role of the SPAS and the approach adopted towards safety management by the various levels of the aviation industry.

Section 3 is divided into four sub-sections. Sub-section 3.1 and 3.2 deal with the Systemic and Operational safety actions, mostly derived from the EPAS actions. Each action includes a brief rationale and the objective the State would like to achieve. The objective is supported with deliverables, specific actions and a timeline. The effective stakeholders and responsibilities are also identified in these sections.

Sub-section 3.3 provides insight on the specific operational risks which are deemed crucial in enhancing operational safety and promotion of safety among the various domains. Sub-section 3.4 presents the individual domain data which is tabulated in Appendix I of the document. This section is based on the information presented in the EPAS and data gathered from occurrence reports received by TM-CAD and assessed as additional safety operational risks in relation to Maltese aviation activity.

Appendix I provides information about the State Safety Objectives and related SPI's and SPT's. Information effective for each aviation domain is addressed in these appendices and are processed in relation to the organisation's operation and adapted as required.

### **3.0 OPERATOR / ORGANISATION ACTIONS**

It is the responsibility of the organisation that each of these objectives are analysed and evaluated. It is expected that a realistic set of SPI's and SPT's are identified and made part of its safety monitoring log. Each objective shall take into consideration any underlying pre-cursors, which if unaddressed, may develop into a significant incident or accident.

A risk assessment is required from the individual domain operators/organisations in order to ensure that these are relevant to their type of operation and mitigated appropriately. Nevertheless, this list is non-exhaustive and may be further enhanced by the respective organisation based on the type of operation it conducts.

### **4.0 COORDINATION AND MONITORING**

The CAD will be monitoring operators/organisations under its oversight on the integration of the actions and safety objectives identified in the SPAS. This monitoring will primarily be done during the oversight cycle, however these might also be reviewed ad-hoc. Self-assessment checklists and questionnaires may be used as a monitoring tool on the level of implementation.

The processes and actions mentioned in the document are self-explanatory, some of which are already being embraced by various operators/organisations. Nevertheless should you require any clarifications, do not hesitate to contact your respective responsible inspector or the CAD Safety and Compliance Unit via email on [aviationsafety.tm@transport.gov.mt](mailto:aviationsafety.tm@transport.gov.mt)

Related Supporting Documents:

Malta State Plan for Aviation Safety (Issue date: December 2020)

Weblink: <https://www.transport.gov.mt/aviation/safety-management/state-plan-for-aviation-safety-4453>

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