

Member Need to Know - NPA-2024-002 — Safety Management Systems (SMS) Update

On 4 January 2024, Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) published [Notice of Proposed Amendment 2024-002](#) regarding proposed amendments to the Safety Management System (SMS) framework in the CARs. The objective of the NPA is to:

- Align the CARs with Annex 19 to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)'s Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention),
- Strengthen Canada's reputation as a world leader in SMS,
- Improve user-friendliness of the CARs, and
- Support competitiveness in Canada's aviation sector.

TCCA has noted that it received 12 responses from stakeholders across the aviation sector, including industry associations (such as the CBAA), air navigation service providers, airport/aerodrome operators, design and manufacturing organizations, as well as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Please refer to TCCA's "[What We Heard Report](#)" which provides an overview of the comments received. The following specific area of interest was raised by Association members:

- Expressed apprehensions about the implications of the proposed regulations on small operators, with a limited number of staff but hold multiple certificates.
- Expressed concerns about the implementation timeline for Level A organizations, due to their limited resources and capabilities.

TCCA acknowledged that categorization may cause confusion for small organizations if they believe that the levels indicate different expectations for compliance with the proposed regulations. In response to this feedback, TCCA has agreed that it would clarify that this amendment is primarily a recodification for Subpart 604 operators and changes to their SMS will be mostly administrative when the amendment comes into effect.

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