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1.2.1. ASEAN Foreign Operators Safety Assessment

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**SAFA**

1996 the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) launched SAFA.

In 2004 (Flash Airline Accident) the European Parliament published a Directive creating a legal obligation on EU Member States to perform ramp inspections on third country aircraft.

EU Member States were provided with a two-year transition period for implementation.

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ICAO Annex 6 I / III

- By 2009 ICAO Annex 6 Part I & III were amended to incorporate “amendments to definitions and SARPs to strengthen the oversight and requirements of foreign operators, and to harmonize the Air Operator Certificate in content and layout.
- Also Doc 8335 was re-issued to incorporate **“Part VI – State Responsibilities regarding Commercial Air Transport Operations by Foreign Operators”**

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Doc 8335 Part VI

Amongst details about the approval process of Foreign Operators it also contains a chapter about

Chapter 5. **Continued surveillance of operators from other States**

- 5.1 General
- 5.2 Inspectors
- 5.3 Pre-inspection planning
- 5.4 Inspections

And

In Chapter 1.7 it says:

Safety relevant findings regarding foreign operators should be shared between Contracting States.

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Doc 8335 Appendices and Training

Chapter 6

Is providing checklists, sample findings and its classification as well as prescribed actions when findings are made.

Content of checklists is almost identical with SAFA documents.

ICAO / COSCAP

Have developed and distributed comprehensive training material for a three-day inspector training course.



EIRID

In 2011 the ATTC agreed to develop:

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON RAMP INSPECTION DATA (EIRID)

Which referred to the establishment of a database held in the ICAO Regional Office.

Such database was not available at the time.



AATIP

In 2013 the EU – ASEAN Aviation Transport Integration Project was launched (AATIP).
The mutually agreed workplan contained the activity:

“Establish a framework to share (foreign operators) ramp inspection information among ASEAN Member States”

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AATIP Survey & AFOSA

AATIP conducted a survey - visiting the AMS – and produced a report.

In 2014 two workgroup meetings developed ToR for AFOSA

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To replace EIRID

The ToR also included the setup of a dedicated office to collect, analyse and distribute results amongst the participating states.

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AFOSA ToR

The AFOSA ToR was never officially presented to the ATWG.

Instead, on the basis of assuming that a dedicated office, staff and equipment would be too costly, Malaysia and Singapore presented the plan to develop a more simple and cheaper way of achieving the intended AFOSA results.

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AFOSA light

In May 2016

The first AFOSA Committee meeting took place in Singapore and it was decided to adopt the draft AFOSA Handbook containing procedures how to submit FAO ramp inspections, analyse and distribute results.

The second meeting was planned for August 2016 without AATIP participation.

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