



Airport Privatisation - Role of the Regulatory Authorities - A Safety Perspective

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Introduction

- | Importance of civil aviation system
- | Air traffic growth - 5% for the period 1995-2005
- | Demands on airports
- | Impact on airport administration
- | Divestment of airports

Current Situation and Changing Scenario

- | Government-owned airports
- | Government controlled airport authorities
 - | General positive experience - better efficiency
- | Efficiency dependent upon autonomy and financial independence
- | Privatisation trend
- | Impact on safety

Responsibility under the Convention on International Civil Aviation

- | Article 15 on uniform conditions for all aircraft
- | Article 28 - obligations of States to provide airports and air navigation infrastructure
- | Article 37 - on adoption of ICAO SARPs for harmonising regulations, standards, procedures and organization

Need for States to retain its regulatory functions

- | Traffic growth and safety - past decline in accident rates, current constant low rate
- | Privatisation and safety issues - financial profits and alternative revenue generation
- | Slot allocations and management etc.
- | The need to ensure safety compliance
- | Airport operators' staff competence and safety awareness

Appropriate Legislation for safety oversight functions

- | Airports experiencing significant changes, traffic growth, demands for better services..
- | Need for safeguards before privatisation
- | Obligation of States as signatories of the Convention
- | Regulatory aspects - airport certification
- | Appropriate legislation and State entity



Current ICAO Safety Oversight Audit Programme

- | Historical information of the voluntary programme
- | Current mandatory programme and its progress
- | Fields of Annexes 1, 6 and 8
- | Additional recommendations of DGCA's Conference
- | ICAO Secretariat work

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ICAO's work on airport certification

- | SARPs development procedure
- | An ANC- approved task on this subject
- | Progress of work briefly
- | Airport certification requirements, regulatory system, model regulations, sample application forms, broad organizational structure
- | Status of this document

Conclusion

- | Effects of privatisation and the need for adequate safety regulations
- | States to review their national legislation and regulations
- | States to take necessary measures to empower their regulatory authorities to inspect airports, monitor and ensure implementation of safety specifications.