

USOAP CMA Update & MID Status

NCMCs-MID/5 Meeting



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2024 Protocol Questions: applicability and revisions

EB 2026/4, dated 30 January 2026

01 Activities starting after 1 July 2025

2024 PQ edition applies, initially excluding SSP and SMS PQs.

02 Activities starting after 1 August 2026

SSP becomes a new audit area. SMS PQs cover PEL, OPS, AIR, ANS and AGA.

Background

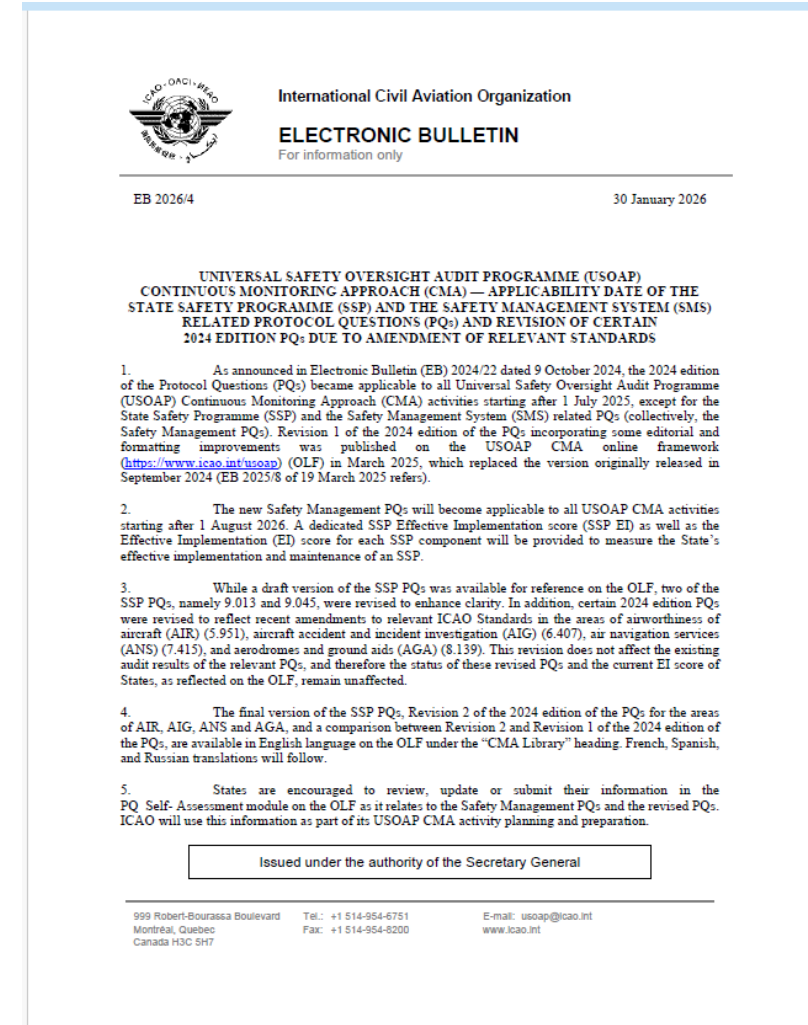
The new Safety Management PQs will become applicable to all USOAP CMA activities

starting after **1 August 2026**

16 SSP PQs

SSP Effective Implementation score (**SSP EI**)

The **SMS PQs** EI will be integrated into the overall technical area EI.



Background

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	Area	Number of 2024 PQs
1	LEG	23
2	ORG	13
3	PEL	100
4	OPS	136
5	AIR	198
6	AIG	84
7	ANS	128
8	AGA	153
9	SSP	16
<i>TOTAL NUMBER</i>		<i>851</i>

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The eight CEs are as follows:

- CE-1. Primary aviation legislation
- CE-2. Specific operating regulations
- CE-3. State system and functions
- CE-4. Qualified technical personnel
- CE-5. Technical guidance, tools and provision of safety-critical information
- CE-6. Licensing, certification, authorization and approval obligations
- CE-7. Surveillance obligations
- CE-8. Resolution of safety issues

Effective Implementation: oversight and SSP

Separate reporting helps States monitor both capabilities

Safety oversight EI	SSP EI
Oversight capability across the established audit areas	Separate score for SSP implementation and maintenance
SMS PQs sit within the relevant technical areas	Scores also reported for each SSP component

Programme evolution: 2026–2028

Published roadmap and Assembly direction

01 Digital tools and data governance

OLF enhancements and stronger analytics.

02 Methodology and documentation

Planned amendments to Doc 9735 and the Regional Office Manual, with review of the CMA MoU as needed.

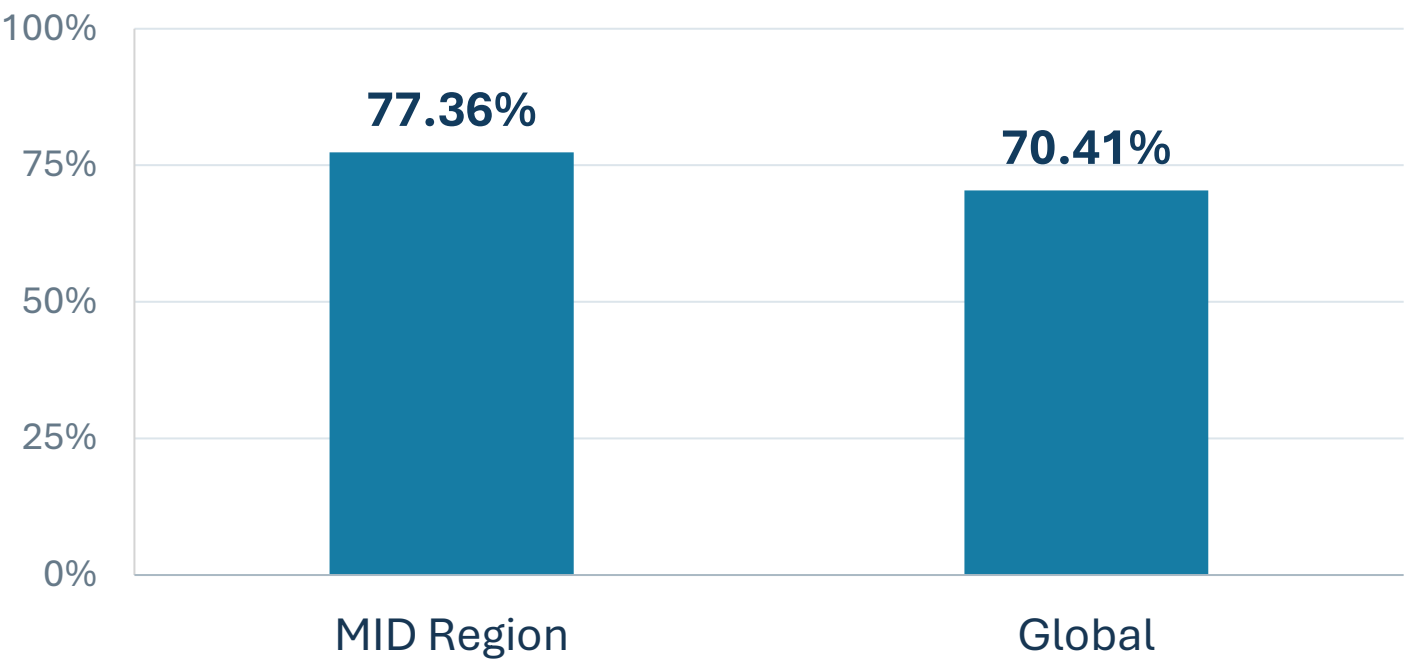
03 Coordination and programme sustainability

Greater use of partner information to reduce duplication.
Qualified experts, secondments and voluntary funding remain priorities.

USOAP CMA status in the MID Region

Approved regional snapshot: 8 June 2026

Effective Implementation (%)



13 of 15

MID States audited

3 States

below 60% EI

6.95 percentage points above the global average

Regional gaps in safety oversight

Priority areas identified in the 14th MID Annual Safety Report

AUDIT AREAS

- AIG** Accident and incident investigation
- ANS** Air navigation services
- AGA** Aerodromes and ground aids

CRITICAL ELEMENTS

- CE-4** Qualified technical personnel
- CE-7** Surveillance obligations
- CE-8** Resolution of safety issues

Focus: inspector competence, sustained surveillance and effective follow-up

Common challenges reported by MID States

NCMC meeting outcomes presented to RASG-MID/13

01 Personnel, training and funding

Insufficient qualified inspectors, limited professional development and budget constraints reduce oversight sustainability.

02 Regulatory and institutional effectiveness

Incomplete legislation, weak surveillance and enforcement, and institutional transition can delay corrective actions.

03 Safety management and regional coordination

Limited SSP implementation, inadequate safety data management and fragmented cooperation constrain risk-based oversight.

MID USOAP CMA activity planning

Published planning status: EB 2026/21, 25 June 2026

State	Activity	Published status / planned dates
Bahrain	Audit	2026 activity postponed
Iran	ICVM	2026 activity postponed
Egypt	Audit	16–29 March 2027
Saudi Arabia	Audit	7–20 September 2027

Egypt's 2026 audit moved to 2027. Dates remain subject to change.

SSP/SMS readiness in the MID Region

Regional implementation support and new audit requirements

01 SSP foundation: approximately 79%

Regional indicator reported at RASG-MID/13.

This does not establish effective implementation of a complete SSP.

02 New SSP and SMS protocol questions

Applicable to USOAP CMA activities starting after 1 August 2026.

SSP EI will be reported separately.

03 Implementation evidence and State coordination

The June 2026 regional workshop addressed PQ intent and evidence.

States need coordinated self-assessments and documented implementation.

Regional follow-up priorities

Suggested actions for the NCMC meeting and SEIG/8

01 Maintain current OLF information

Reconcile self-assessments, CAPs and supporting evidence across audit areas.

02 Concentrate on implementation gaps

Prioritize inspector competence, certification, surveillance and enforcement.

03 Target support to States with greatest needs

Combine technical assistance, mentoring and regional cooperation.

04 Strengthen PH–NCMC coordination

Clarify responsibilities and share preparation practices for audits and ICVMs.

05 Track results through national action plans

Assign owners and milestones, and monitor sustainable closure of deficiencies.