

## **ICAO Action**

Annex 6, Part I, Chapter 8 contains Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) requiring an operator to retain maintenance records for a certain period of time. However, there are no ICAO SARPs that explicitly require the retention of all maintenance records for any prolonged period.

The Airworthiness Panel (AIRP) is currently reviewing SARPs that will apply to all Aircraft Maintenance Organisations (AMO) to standardize maintenance practices. This recommendation will be considered for discussion at the next AIRP meeting, scheduled for November 2019.

## **Follow-up**

The seventh meeting of the Airworthiness Panel (AIRP/7) in November 2019 reviewed the safety recommendation and concluded that SARPs already contain sufficient provisions for aircraft operators to keep all maintenance records necessary to establish continuing airworthiness status of the aircraft. The AIRP found no need to amend SARPs to increase the retention period for maintenance records as it would significantly increase the amount of records the AMOs have to keep without added benefits.