



ICAO

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Relevant Annex 9 – *Facilitation SARPs*

- The State of Occurrence of an aircraft accident and adjacent State shall facilitate:
 1. temporary entry for family members of victims (**Std. 8.41**) &
 2. authorized representatives of the aircraft operators (**Std. 8.42**)
- *States should only require a passport, or an Emergency Travel Document, and, if required, expedite the issuance of entrance visas (RP. 8.43)*
- States shall issue ETD to their nationals who have survived (**Std. 8.44**)
- States shall extend all necessary assistance in arranging customs clearance in repatriation of human remains (**Std. 8.45**)



Proposal for adoption by the Council

- States shall establish legislation, regulations, policies (**RP. 8.46** ➡ **Std. 8.46**)

Regional breakdown for EFOD Data on Annex 9 RP 8.46

ICAO Region	Compliance	Difference	No Entry
APAC	4 (+1 SAR)	2	33
ESAF	3	3	18
EUR/NAT	21	3	32
MID	10	-	5
NACC	5	-	17
SAM	5	-	8
WACAF	6	-	18
	54 (+1 SAR)	8	131

Low adoption rate of RP 8.46.

Proposal Amendment 29 to Annex 9

- 8.46 Recommended Practice.— Contracting States ~~should~~ **shall** establish legislation, regulations and/or policies in support of assistance to aircraft accident victims (**RP. 8.46 proposed as Std. 8.46**)

Note.—Attention is drawn to Doc 9998, *ICAO Policy on AAVF* and Doc 9973, *Manual on AAVF*.

- 8.xx Recommended Practice.— *Contracting States should ensure that each aircraft or airport operator, as appropriate, develop appropriate plans to provide timely and effective assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families.* (**New RP**)

Note.—*Airport operators plans regarding AAVF may form part of the Aerodrome Emergency Plan (AEP) required under Annex 14 – Aerodromes.*

Timelines (if adopted by the Council in Q1 2022):

Effective Date is July 2022 and the Applicable Date is November 2022

Focus on ICAO policy (Doc 9998)

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States reaffirm their commitments to ensure that adequate and sufficient assistance is provided to aircraft accident victims and their families

For States

establish legislation, regulations and/or policies addressing family assistance plans to ensure that family assistance providers have the necessary financial, personnel, and equipment resources, and that systems are available at short notice to provide assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families in a timely manner

For Operators

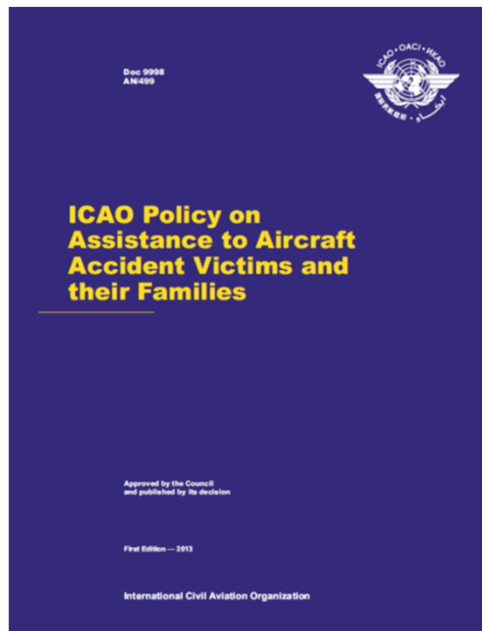
require that air operators implement family assistance plans, and ensure that these plans are exercised regularly, supervised and audited as necessary

require that airport operators implement family assistance plans, which can be part of their Airport Emergency Plans, in coordination with air operators, and ensure that these plans are exercised regularly, supervised and audited as necessary;

Family assistance plan: Extracts from Doc 9998

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A family assistance plan should consider the following factors



recipients of family assistance



types of family assistance to be provided



when family assistance should be provided



family assistance providers



periodic review and exercise of the plan



enactment of legislation, regulations and/or policies necessary to implement the plan.

HLCC 2021 Recommendations

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Recommendation 10/1

States should:

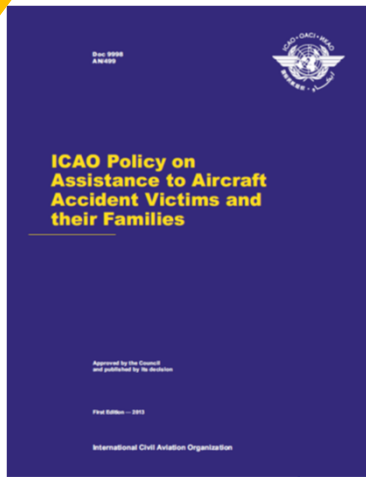
- if they have not already done so, establish legislation, regulations and/or policies in support of assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families
- ensure that aircraft and airport operators develop appropriate plans to provide timely assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families, recognizing that airport operators' plans may form part of the aerodrome emergency plans required under Annex 14

Available Q2 2022

Training course objectives

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Lack of knowledge by States of Doc 9998 & 9973 contents



Provide foundational knowledge necessary to develop appropriate family assistance legislation, regulations, policies & plans.

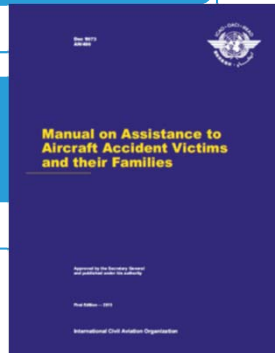
Support States in establishing legislation, regulations and/or policies in support of AAVF

Assist all stakeholders to ensure that aircraft or airport operators develop plans to provide timely and effective assistance to AAVF.

Expand Member States' understanding of family assistance

Final exercise of the course: Draft outline of a family assistance plan

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Commemoration Day for Air Crash Accident Victims & their Families

- ICAO Council approved **20 February** as the international commemoration day for air crash accident victims and their families
- Initiative of the Air Crash Victims' Families' Federation International (ACVFFI)
- The day commemorates the lives which have been lost due to air accidents
- The day also promotes global awareness to educate the public on issues and actions, including political will and resources to address the issue of assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families.

Virtual Commemoration on 20 February 2022

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- online high-level event under a dedicated theme for the year 2022
- A short video is planned to be launched featuring testimonies of survivors
- This will be followed by an interactive discussion with the association of victims

The way forward

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Commitment to promote awareness and actions regarding assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families

The conclusions and recommendations of the Symposium will be presented to the Council in Q1 2022

A State Letter will be sent to inform States of the Commemoration Day

Provide appropriate training to States on Doc. 9998 and 9973 and update consequently the 2 documents

Thank You

