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Review of ICAO Framework

ICAO Annex 9 (Amendment 29) applicable November 2022

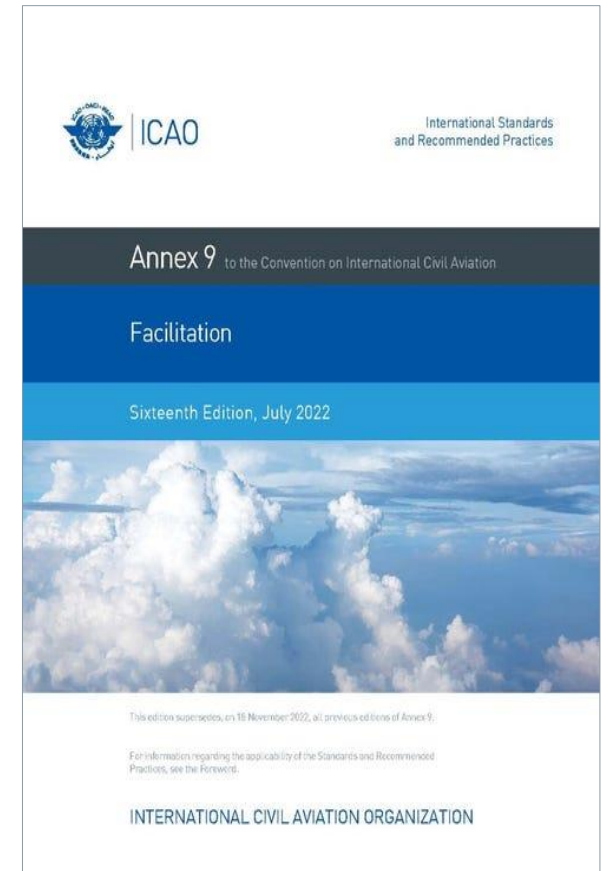
- ❑ RP 8.46 elevated to Standard 8.47 and new RP on development of Plans by aircraft and airport operators

STD 847 Contracting States shall establish legislation, regulations and/or policies in support of assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families.

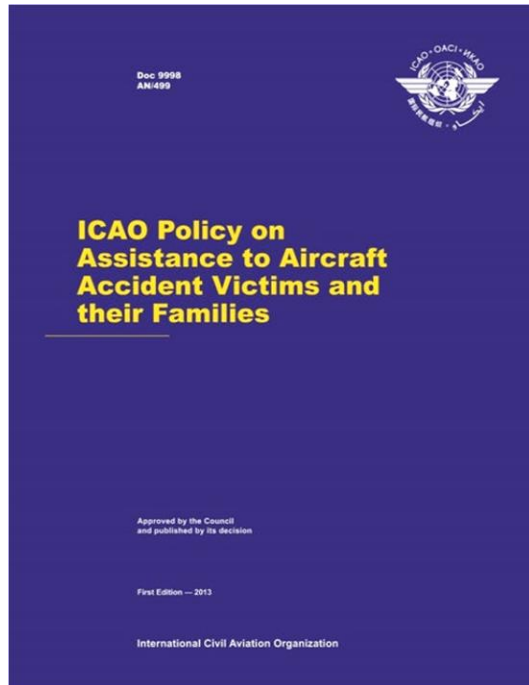
Note. – Attention is drawn to Doc 9998, ICAO Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families and Doc 9973, Manual on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families.

RP 8.48 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.

Note. – Airport operators' plans regarding assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families may form part of the Aerodrome Emergency Plan (AEP) required under Annex 14 – Aerodromes.



ICAO Doc 9998 and Doc 9973

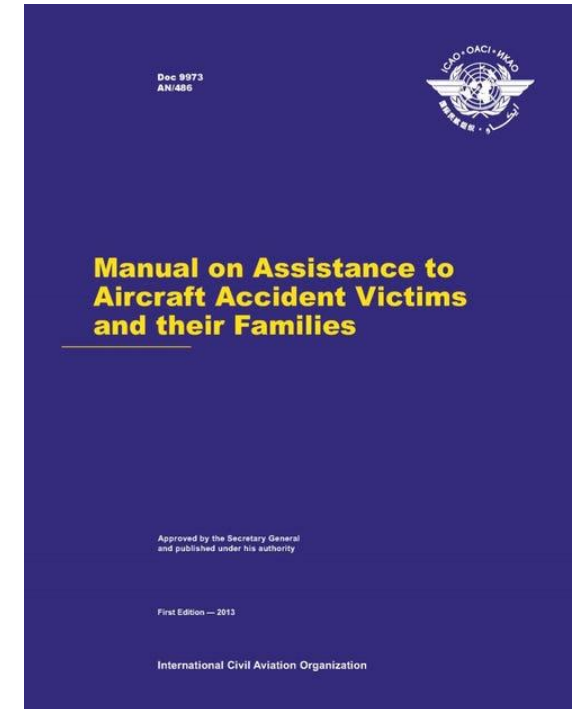


- **Doc 9998 “Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families”**

- Contracting States should consider national legislation, regulations and/or policies to ensure that the necessary resources and commitment to provide assistance are available.

- **Doc 9973 “Manual on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families”**

- Contains guidance to assist States in implementing policies;
- Enables States to prepare a plan, providing guidance on:
 - Defining the recipients of family assistance;
 - What types of family assistance should be provided;
 - When to provide family assistance;
 - Suggested family assistance providers;
 - Duration of assistance;
 - Preparation of family assistance plan.



Capacity Building – Training Course and iPacks

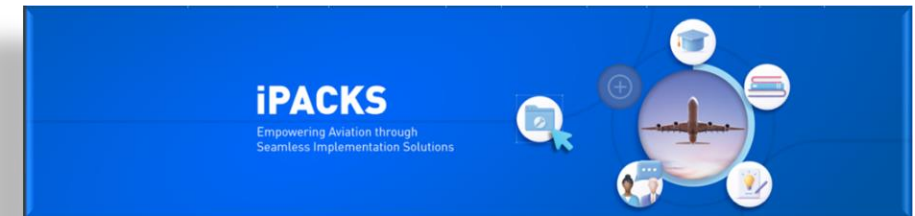


■ AAVF Course

- Course provides CAA representatives, other government officials, aircraft and airport operators and non-governmental organizations with the competencies to effectively support aircraft accident victims and their family assistance efforts, in accordance with ICAO policy.

■ AAVF iPacks

- The iPack will help States to:
 - Develop or revise the National Family Assistance Plan;
 - Evaluate station specific facilities and arrangements on family assistance;
 - Develop training courses for familiarizing the team members with their role in National Family Assistance Plan;
 - Develop workshops & exercises to assess the adequacy of the plan and team;
 - Establish a web-based family assistance management system with mobile application to handle all communication in an effective and timely manner.



ASSISTANCE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

KEY MESSAGES

Why?

- Standard in ICAO's Annex 9.
- Reduces negative impact of an aircraft accident.
- Limits loss of the International reputation of a State.
- Contributes to the State's reliability in terms of response systems.

How?

- **Cooperative planning and response** by the aircraft operator, airport operator, State of Occurrence, other affected or involved States, non-governmental organizations and specialized commercial companies.
- Regular update and joint exercises.

- ➔ **Information management strategy**
- ➔ **Recognizing the importance of support by Family associations**



ICAO global initiatives

- 2 Symposiums on AAVF
- International Day commemorating air crash victims and their families (20th February)
- Dedicated Working Group on AAVF under the FAL Panel

ICAO EUR/NAT initiatives

- Regional cooperation - Joint ICAO/ECAC Workshops
- Webinar on AAVF
- Letter to States on the International Day Commemorating Air Crash Victims and their Families

Thank you for your attention

Thank You

