



PROTECTION OF SAFETY DATA, SAFETY INFORMATION AND RELATED SOURCES – KENYA'S EXPERIENCE

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Legal provision for protection of safety data

- Primary Legislation provision under Clause 10 (Civil Aviation Act 2013) provides for protection of aviation safety information obtained, gathered voluntarily or otherwise given to the Authority
- This provision is further amplified by the Safety Management Regulations
- SSP Office established to coordinate safety information and data collection, dissemination and protection .



State Safety program

- CAA established formal structure for SSP coordination in the year 2011 and the staffing by 2013
- An online safety reporting system established and operationalized in 2016
- System developed in-house but with assistance and benchmarking with UAE. Comprises both component of mandatory and voluntary reporting.
- Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation Department has its own stand alone database for serious incidences and accidents under Annex 13. However there has been cooperation and sharing of safety data as appropriate.
- MOU signed in April 2018 to provide for framework to share the information and establish a single database.
- Sensitization and training undertaken for the CAA Inspectors and industry to enhance safety culture
- Since establishment of the online safety reporting system there has been a remarkable improvement in the reporting of safety information especially in respect to the voluntary reporting
- Evident that the industry has taken it positively with full assurance of safety data protection from inappropriate use
- System provides absolute confidentiality and protection

Challenges and What needs to be done

- **Capacity in the State Safety Office (both in numbers and skills)**
- **Sensitization for other key stakeholders, judicial system officers, prosecutors, lawyers, ombudsman**
- **Right to information- so far no such requests by public of safety data but likelihood in future as citizens become more litigious/due to public activism**
- **Safety promotion to enhance safety culture. Promotion of objective investigations by the operators**
- **Encouraging full disclosure by operators & Confronting the issue of commercial considerations by operators at expense of safety considerations**



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