



HEPAC submits SMS - Industry Self Management proposal to Transport Canada

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Industry Self Management (ISM) is fast approaching. Transport Canada will be downloading management and enforcement responsibilities for our industry. Helicopter operators will evolve from compliance to safety risk management. Transport Canada will transform from regulatory auditors into system evaluators. The onus for proving or disproving adequate safety performance will be on the helicopter operators not Transport Canada.

Looking towards the future, the Helicopter Engineers and Pilots Association, Canada (HEPAC) has submitted a proposal to Transport Canada for the implementation and auditing of the Safety Management System (SMS) within the Canadian helicopter industry.

Don McDougall, who is spearheading HEPAC's proposal: "HEPAC has put on the table a coherent proposal for the implementation of SMS that meets Transport Canada's objectives while putting operators, engineer and pilots in a leadership role. This is the first step towards Industry Self-Management."

For more information visit www.hepac.org

About HEPAC

HEPAC It is a professional, non-profit organization that provides a strong, organized, effective voice for engineers and pilots across the country who are looking for constructive change and positive, proactive solutions to help make our industry the best it can be.

As a collective group of professionals we aim to improve the Canadian helicopter industry through strategic planning, targeted lobbying, government and corporate relations, the promotion of safety research and advancements, and the improvement in pilot, engineering, employer, customer and regulatory relations.

Our core values support professionalism, integrity, safety, success, prosperity and the future of our membership and our industry.