Introducing the Flight Operations Briefing Notes Concept

The Flight Operations Briefing Notes (FOBN) have been designed to allow an eye-opening and self-correcting accident-prevention strategy. Since 2004, the effort has aimed at covering the entire flight profile and at addressing the main threats and hazards to flight operations safety:

- Standard operating procedures (e.g.: Conducting effective briefings, ...),
- Human Performance (e.g.: Error management, ...),
- Operating environment (e.g.: Bird strike threat awareness, ...),
- Adverse weather operations (e.g.: Optimum Use of Weather Radar, ...),
- Runway and surface operations (e.g.: Preventing runway incursions, ...),
- Supplementary techniques (e.g.: Preventing altitude deviations, ...),
- Takeoff and departure operations (e.g.: Revisiting the stop or go decision, ...),
- Descent management (e.g.: Energy Management, ...),
- Approach techniques (e.g.: Flying stabilized approaches, ...),
- Landing techniques (e.g.: Crosswind landings, ...),

In 2006, the very first Flight Operations Briefing Notes addressing threat and hazards to cabin operations safety have been released.
This new Cabin Operations domain of the Flight Operations Briefing Notes has been created to meet the respective needs of cabin crewmembers first, then of flight crewmembers and of other flight operations personnel.

The cabin operations domain provides an overview of the following aspects that need to be understood and mastered in order to enhance cabin operations safety:

- **Effective Briefings for Cabin Operations**
- **Crew Communication**
- **Dangerous Goods**
- **Ground Operations Safety**
- **Cabin Smoke Awareness**
- **Managing In-Flight Fires**
- **Ditching**
- **Decompression**
- **Turbulence**
- **Planned Ground Evacuation**
- **Unplanned Ground Evacuation**
- **Precautionary Evacuation**

**Cabin crew managers and training instructors** should review, customize (as required) and implement the recommendations, guidelines and awareness information, in the following domains:

- **Cabin operational documentation**
- **Training**
- **Information** (Cabin crew bulletins, Airline’s safety magazine articles, Classroom lectures; and/or Stand-alone reading).
Line cabin crew should review and compare the recommendations, guidelines and awareness information with their current practices and enhance their techniques and awareness level, as required.

The cabin operations domain is an ideal complement of the Getting to Grips with Cabin Safety brochure released in 2005.

Such safety awareness references provide operators with guidance to implement their own cabin safety program.

Where to consult/download them?

The Flight Operations Briefing Notes and all other safety and operational expertise publications (e.g. Getting to Grips with …) are regularly released on the Flight Operations Portal, which can be found in the secure area of www.airbusworld.com.

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