



SPANAIR EARNS IOSA CERTIFICATION

The first Spanish airline to earn IOSA (IATA Operational Safety Audit) certification.

Madrid, 26th of August 2005.- Spanair has become an officially registered IOSA (IATA Operational Safety Audit) airline, having satisfactorily fulfilled all the requirements and expectations of this new global aviation audit standard for air operators, after an audit performed last May, concluded on the last 11th of July by the German company Aviation Quality Services GmbH (AQS).

Pursuant to its Safety and Quality policy, Spanair, the first Spanish airline to have achieved this certification, joins the group of over 50 prestigious airlines – including 17 members of Star Alliance and 5 of the SAS Group - to have passed this operational safety audit.

In compliance with Star Alliance requirements, Spanair, as the rest of the Star Alliance members have undergone periodical safety audits, being the IOSA audit the latest.

The new IOSA audit process was developed by IATA, the International Air Transport Association, in recognition to the importance of ensuring standardized high Safety and Quality in air operations through the application of a series of common principles and elements in a variety of geographical settings and regulatory environments.

The audit examines the processes and procedures of all organizational areas directly or indirectly involved in Safety; operational areas affecting flight safety, as well as corporate management and organization, flight dispatch and operations, aircraft engineering and maintenance, cabin procedures and airport operations, etc.

The IOSA audit program applies industry best practices in the field of operational safety, including relevant requirements from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) as well as requirements of both, European (JAA) and U.S. (FAA) authorities.

More information on this program is available on the following web page: www.iata.org/iosa.

Spanair, founded in 1986, offers more than 600 daily flights operated with a modern fleet of 56 aircraft and in codeshare with its partners, to more than 150 destinations. Since April 1st, 2003 the company is a member of Star Alliance, the biggest and most prestigious airline network in the world.

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