

2018 IS-BAO Information

- The new standard will be released in early January (IBAC has said January 1st), but will be a beta version. A few anticipated changes are below.
 - ERP protocols are being added back in.
 - Redundant protocols are being removed or consolidated.
 - The International protocols are being removed / merged with the “regular” flight operations protocols.
 - The “regular” flight operations protocols are being reorganized to align more closely with the steps of scheduling / planning a trip and the phases of flight.
- If operators want to be audited to the 2018 standard prior to July, they are encouraged to talk with IBAC first. Our understanding is that they will be provided an informal approval, and that IBAC would invite feedback on the standard, audit process, protocol checklist, etc.
- The 2018 standard will go “live” on **July 1 2018**, but operators can still use the **2017 standard** for their audits.
- However, by **July 1 2019**, operators must use at least the **2018 standard**.
- Because of this, there will not be an “official” 2018 AviationManuals core document until at least mid-July (assuming IBAC releases the actual 2018 standard during the beginning of July).
 - AviationManuals can update an operator’s core document based on the “beta version.” (We assume nothing drastic will change in the standards and protocols themselves, once it has been beta tested).
 - However, this means AviationManuals will not be entirely certain of all changes required for a reissue until the actual 2018 standard is released.
- After the more important change for 2018, IBAC indicated that they may slow the pace of major updates to the IS-BAO standard. It is somewhat unclear if this means they will simply skip a year between releasing new IS-BAO standards or if they will simply make more minor changes each year.