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Helicopter Association International Pre-Flight Risk Assessment Tool

According to the FAA (Notice 8000.301): “A risk-assessment plan is a tool used by flight management personnel and flight crews to expand the parameters of decision making for pilots and flight crews, and to assist in preflight planning and operational control of aircraft. Companies should have procedures on how to mitigate or reduce the risk to an acceptable level.”

HAI is offering a free web-based tool that allows members to customize their own risk assessment program. Since there is no “one size fits all” template available, the tool allows each operator to consider its own operational and environmental needs when developing its risk assessment criteria.

The tool uses a procedure-weighted method which standardizes risk assessment while minimizing training requirements. The program, once configured, uses a checklist format tool, with numerical weighting values, which trigger levels of concurrence with the pilot’s “go” decision.

“One of the advantages of the procedure-weighted program is that minimal training is required on the principles of risk assessment and risk management. This method also standardizes the assessment of risks and mitigations,” says Matt Zuccaro, president of HAI.

The program allows an operator to pre-populate the program with its pilots and their associated risks. Mission profiles can also be defined with pre-assigned risks. Both of these features save valuable time when evaluating each flight. There is also a summary report depicting risk areas that can be reviewed periodically to supplement an SMS program.

Strengthen your safety culture today—give the HAI Risk Assessment tool a try. Go to www.rotor.com/fra.