



JAL Achieves International Certification for Aviation Security Management System from IATA

- First in the World to Achieve “Operating (Level 2)” -

Japan Airlines (JAL) has become the first organization to receive the “Operating (Level 2)” certification (*) from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for its aviation security management system. This certification indicates that JAL has achieved a high level of security management in the aviation industry.

(*) IATA Security Management System Certification Program (SeMS)

This program is designed for airlines, airports, cargo handling facilities, ground handling companies, and security companies.

<https://www.iata.org/sems-certification>



Suitable (Level 1)

The SeMS procedures are in the early stages of development, with fundamental elements being established and progress being made towards formal documentation and consistent application.



Operating (Level 2)

The SeMS procedures are fully compliant with the SeMS manual, comprehensively documented, and consistently applied across all relevant areas.



Effective (Level 3)

The SeMS procedures are implemented at an operational level, achieving the highest standards. These procedures actively identify, mitigate, and manage security risks, fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

Traditionally, aviation security management has focused on compliance with laws and regulations. However, with the increasing diversification and complexity of threats, it is essential to adopt a more proactive approach in identifying and mitigating security risks while continuously improving.

To address these needs, IATA has introduced a new certification program designed to modernize and optimize aviation security management. This program aims to proactively identify aviation security risks, implement preventive measures, and continuously improve security management. The maturity of aviation security management is evaluated in three stages, aiming to enhance risk management and improve the overall security standards of the industry.

JAL has been commended for the following points and has become the first in the world to achieve the highest possible certification at this time, “Operating (Level 2).” Obtaining this certification will lead to increased trust in JAL's aviation security efforts from customers and partner companies.

■ Evaluation Points

Proactive Security Risk Management:

Effective risk management system of the JAL Group are recognized for their ability to proactively respond to new threats and regulatory changes by authorities in various countries, under the active involvement of management, with well-established regulations and clear responsibilities.

Continuous Improvement of Security Management:

The continuous enhancement of security quality by incorporating industry best practices and through reviews of quality control methods, such as external and internal audits and security incidents, has been highly evaluated.

JAL will continue to enhance the security awareness of all employees and work with IATA and other stakeholders to improve aviation security management, striving to provide even greater safety and peace of mind to its valued customers.