



IATA Environmental Assessment (IEnvA) Program: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the IATA Environmental Assessment (IEnvA) Program ?

The IATA Environmental Assessment (IEnvA) program is a voluntary evaluation system designed to independently assess and improve the environmental management of an airline.

2. Why has IEnvA been developed?

The airline industry shares common environmental challenges and solutions. We all fly the same commercial aircraft, burn the same fuel and generate the same emissions and waste. The IEnvA program is based on developing common environmental standards and sharing airline best environmental management practices.

3. What airline activities does IEnvA program cover?

Airlines are complex organizations that may undertake (or out-source) a number of business activities including passenger and cargo flight operations; ground operations (GO); maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO); catering; car rental; hotels; retail shops; laundry; and, corporate activities. The initial scope of IEnvA includes the activities that all airlines carry out (i.e. flight operations and corporate activities) but new modules covering GO and MRO are already under development.

4. Why is IEnvA implementation based on a phased-approach?

The complex nature of airlines and their global presence poses challenges for full environmental management system (EMS) implementation, hence, IEnvA is based on 2 implementation phases:

- Stage 1 allows the Airline to set the framework for its EMS and identify and comply with its legal requirements and other obligations.
- Stage 2 allows the Airline to determine the significance of its environmental aspects, set objectives and targets. It also provides the framework for monitoring requirements, internal assessments and management review.

5. Is IEnvA credible?

The environmental standards that underpin the IEnvA program are based on recognized environmental management system principles (such as ISO 14001) and have been developed by a joint team of environmental consultants and leading airlines. The airline assessments are undertaken by independent accredited Environmental Assessment Organizations (EAO's) that have demonstrated their competencies in EMS auditing.



6. Is IEnvA compatible with other recognized environmental management systems (such as ISO 14001)?

A review of the IEnvA Stage 1 Standards has been undertaken by a leading environmental management consultancy which concluded that the Stage 1 Standards are at least as stringent as the requirements under ISO14001 and, in some instances, more rigorous.

7. How can an airline get involved?

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