# ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) UPDATE

• At least twice every year, ICAO issues new Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS), or amends some that are currently in place.
• Each Member State is expected to review the new SARPS and if they are applicable to the State, then the State should amend its regulations to take these into account.
• There are over 12,000 SARPS published in 18 Documents called Annexes.
• Each Annex applies to a different aspect of the Civil Aviation industry.
• Examples are;
• Annex 1 (Licensing)
• Annex 6 (Aircraft Operations)
• Annex 8 (Aircraft Maintenance)
• Not all Civil Aviation Authorities are able to keep up-to-date with all the amendments, due to the volume of work involved.
• An Information System, centrally managed, can reduce the staffing requirement in this area for each State.
• A SARPS Update System is simply a Database, managed by a central agency, where the latest ICAO Annexes are stored.
• ICAO Amendments are sent to this Database where they are used to amend the Annexes.
• Each client country's Regulations are loaded into the Database, adjacent to the applicable ICAO Standard.
• Once each month, the Central Agency will run a report to show where new amendments have been made.
• Client States will be advised where these amendments differ from their Current Regulations and recommendations made for updates to their Regulations.
• At any point in time, a client State may request a report showing how many differences there are between the ICAO SARPS and the State's Regulations.
• Information Flow
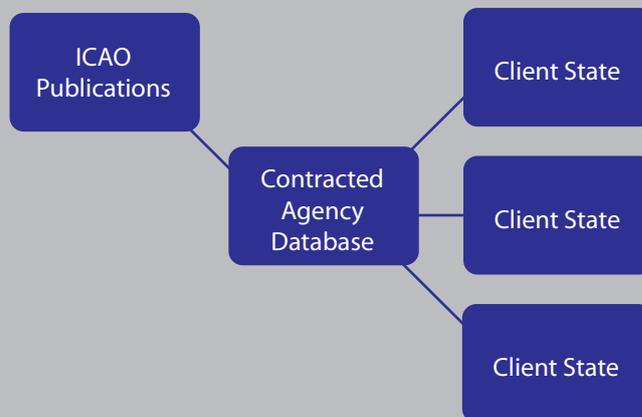
Whenever a client State updates its Regulations, it advises the Central Agency and provides the amended Regulations for the Database to be amended accordingly