

News Release

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USAIG Adds Two General Aviation Food Safety Professionals Online Courses to Performance Vector Program

New York, NY (August 16, 2016)...Operators of turbine-powered aircraft have differing needs and goals for safety training and services based on the resources they have and unique aspects of their operations. That's why USAIG's Performance Vector initiative offers a comprehensive portfolio of services that policyholders can use to reinforce their existing safety programs specifically and strategically.

USAIG, one of the world's leading aviation-specific insurance providers, continually updates its Performance Vector suite of safety programs to keep pace with changes and improvements in aviation safety protocols. The forward-looking Performance Vector portfolio offers insights, strategies and specific practical steps for USAIG-insured operators of turbine aircraft. Eligible policyholders can choose annually from a range of safety-enhancing programs and services delivered by the industry's leading providers.

New to Performance Vector are two **General Aviation Food Safety Professionals** online courses created by Jean Dible, president and founder of GA Food Safety Professionals:

- **General Aviation Food Safety Professionals Flight Attendant's Online Course:** The Flight Attendant's online course is written for professionals who plan and manage inflight food service activities of a sophisticated nature that go beyond basic distribution, to include galley operations with onboard food preparation, presentation, and food storage exceeding 12 hours.
- **General Aviation Food Safety Professionals Pilot & Flight Technician's Online Course:** The Pilot/Flight Technicians course is written for operators that fly without flight attendants, yet still carry limited food selections onboard for service to passengers and crew. The science-based curriculum is written in general aviation terms and a user-friendly style that takes pilots or other crewmembers who handle food, through the necessary safety principles. The course spans the entire process; from ordering food, to proper storage and serving practices, through safe disposition of leftover food.

"GA Food Safety Professionals is honored to be a part of USAIG's Performance Vector program," said Jean Dible. "These two courses have the How To answers for minimizing foodborne illness from the time catered food is ordered, to when it is served aboard an aircraft. The curriculum addresses dealing with caterers as well as the security of food and how to minimize the risk of deliberate contamination of food destined for in-flight meals."

"These courses are optimal for the GA professional – a perfect blend of topical depth, expert information and delivered in a business-aviation friendly format. We are thrilled to integrate GA Food Safety Professionals into the Performance Vector program," said Dave McKay, USAIG Chairman and CEO.

Courses can be accessed on a PC, laptop or tablet and translated into 60 languages. Once enrolled, students have up to 90 days to complete the course in self-paced fashion, with a typical total study time of 6-7 hours for the Pilot/Flight Technician course or 15 hours for the Flight Attendant course. Each course module has a voiced overview, textual study matter with color photo illustrations, and some have videos, charts, and links to expanded information accessible on the Web. Short quiz assessments confirm retention of key points in each module, and a final exam must be passed with a 75% or better grade to receive a "Certificate of Training." Recurrent training is needed after 3 years.

Performance Vector programs align with aviation regulatory requirements, accreditation protocols and industry recommended standards such as FAA, IS-BAO, NBAA's Certified Aviation Manager program, and ICAO. Policyholders that insure one or more turbine-powered aircraft with USAIG can select one Performance Vector option each year, and eligibility for an additional election refreshes each policy renewal. For more information, please refer to the website:

https://www.usau.com/caf_safety_performance_vector.php

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United States Aircraft Insurance Group (USAIG) provides a full spectrum of coverage options for owners, operators, manufacturers and maintainers of corporate, private and commercial aircraft. In 1928, our founders – World War I pilots and businessmen David Beebe and Reed Chambers – saw the need for an insurance company that truly understood aviation. We remain a world aviation insurance leader delivering innovative, custom-tailored insurance products and services, including Performance Vector safety programs and Performance Vector PLUS good experience returns. United States Aviation Underwriters, Inc. manages USAIG, maintaining the industry's largest network of underwriting and field claims offices. USAU's wholly owned subsidiary, Toronto-based Canadian Aviation Insurance Managers manages the Canadian Aircraft Insurance Group insurance pool. USAIG is a subsidiary of General Re Corporation, a Berkshire Hathaway company. Follow us on Twitter @USAIG_CAIG, Facebook & LinkedIn. Please visit our website at: www.usaig.com

About General Aviation Food Safety Professionals

GA Food Safety Professionals is a web-based risk management training company for general aviation food safety and its founder, Jean Dible, is the author of these courses. Her in-depth professional knowledge, experience, significant personal research, and close ties with many professionals in business aviation and food regulatory agencies are evident in the comprehensiveness and quality of these courses. Jean is also a former restaurant food safety auditor, and applies the knowledge and experience with all aspects of food safety gained there to provide practical aviation training materials. To learn more about Jean, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jean-dible-67775332>