

Civil Aviation Authority
Finance and Corporate Services
Information Management

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Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent application of 6 September 2010, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

I also want the following information (under EIR) which relate to several shortcomings of Meridian Airlines, frequent users of Manston Airport

- 1. how much is owed by Meridian to the CAA after it was banned by the EU/CAA.*
- 2. Can you tell me when/where the checks were made*
- 3. How many checks highlighted these shortcoming*
- 4. The DfT has released the detail of the checks but not where they were made?*

Our response:

Although you have made your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), the information that you have requested does not constitute environmental information as defined in the EIR. The CAA have therefore considered the release of the information you have requested in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You have referred in your request to 'Meridian Airlines'; our understanding is that the correct name of the company in question is Meridian Airways and we have referred to them as such in our response.

1. Nothing is owed by Meridian Airways to the CAA.
2. Inspections were carried out on Meridian Airways aircraft under the Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA) programme on 8 July, 15 July and twice on 22 July 2010. All of these inspections were carried out at RAF Brize Norton.

The CAA also carried out one earlier inspection which took place at RAF Lyneham on 22 November 2009, and no findings resulted from this inspection.

3. The inspections that were carried out on Meridian Airways aircraft are detailed above.
4. See answer 2 above.

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If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager
Civil Aviation Authority
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Gatwick Airport South
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The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

Should you wish to make further Freedom of Information requests, please use the e-form at <http://www.caa.co.uk/foi>.

Yours sincerely

Rick Chatfield
FoIA & EIR Case Manager

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.