Finance and Corporate Services
Information Management

13 September 2012
FOIA reference: F0001384

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent application of 17 August 2012, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to know the following about ATOL applications

- *Since January 01, 2012, how many travel organising companies have applied for an Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL)?*
- *Could you also specify on which date these companies applied for their ATOLs and whether they were successful or not?*
- *Could you also tell me the names of these companies?*

Our response:

In assessing your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are pleased to be able to provide and attach the following information.

Since 1 January 147 businesses have applied for a licence (please note that this information has been updated since your previous request ref: F0001374).

The attached table shows the following information:

- Applications that were successful (these are the named licences).
- Applications that have been resolved but have not resulted in the issue of a licence are annotated as such. The businesses are not named because the business's name was provided to the CAA in relation to an application for an ATOL licence under the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) Regulations 1995, as amended ('The ATOL Regulations').

  The release of information that is supplied to the CAA pursuant to the ATOL Regulations is prohibited from disclosure by Section 23 of the Civil Aviation Act.

  Under Section 23, any information which relates to a particular person and has been furnished to the CAA in pursuance of any provision of the Civil Aviation Act to which Section 23 applies must not be disclosed by the CAA unless such disclosure is authorised by one of the exceptions contained in Section 23 itself.

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Section 23(6) defines those provisions to which Section 23 applies, which include Section 71. Section 71 provides a provision that regulations may be made by the Secretary of State to ensure that a person does not make available accommodation for the carriage of persons on flights unless they are either the operator of the aircraft concerned, or comply with the terms of a licence issued under such regulations. The ATOL Regulations are regulations made by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 71 of the Civil Aviation Act, and therefore the disclosure of information provided to the CAA in pursuance of the ATOL Regulations is prohibited by Section 23.

Section 44 of the FOIA provides that information is exempt if its disclosure is prohibited by, or under, any enactment and Section 23 of the Civil Aviation Act is such a statutory prohibition. Accordingly, the obligations of the CAA to comply with Section 23 are unaffected by the Freedom of Information Act (a copy of this exemption is enclosed).

Section 44 of the FOIA is an absolute exemption, which means that information can be withheld without considering any public interest in disclosure.

- Applications that have not yet been resolved, either because the applicant has not yet received a decision or has received the decision but not yet met the conditions for grant, are shown only as the ATOL number applied for and the application date. The names of these applicants have not been provided as they are also exempt from disclosure for the reason given above.

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
Aviation House
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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
Information Rights and Enquiries Officer

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.

Freedom of Information Act: Section 44

(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it-

(a) is prohibited by or under any enactment,
(b) is incompatible with any Community obligation, or
(c) would constitute or be punishable as a contempt of court.

(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1).

Section 23 of the Civil Aviation Act is such a statutory prohibition. Accordingly, the obligations of the CAA to comply with Section 23 are unaffected by the Freedom of Information Act.

Under Section 23, information supplied to the CAA in connection with its regulatory functions and which relates to a particular individual or organisation must not be disclosed by the CAA unless such disclosure is authorised by one of the exceptions contained in Section 23 itself.

ATOL	Name On Licence	Application Date	dtmGrantDate	
10533		03 January 2012		
10534	Russian National Tourist Office Ltd	03 January 2012	10 July 2012	
10535	Europa Travel Ltd	04 January 2012	06 September 2012	
10536	The Aspiration Group Ltd	05 January 2012	10 April 2012	
10537		16 January 2012		
10538	Time Travels Ltd	17 January 2012	06 June 2012	
10539	Holy Monkey Travel Ltd	17 January 2012	22 August 2012	
10540	Simplexity Travel Management Ltd	20 January 2012	09 July 2012	
10541		27 January 2012		
10542		30 January 2012		
10543		31 January 2012		
10544	The Natural Travel Collection Ltd	01 February 2012	18 April 2012	
10545	Midas Aviation Limited	01 February 2012	18 May 2012	
10546	Flexi Holidays Ltd	06 February 2012	23 May 2012	
10547	Equestrian Escapes Ltd	07 February 2012	27 March 2012	
10548		08 February 2012	28 March 2012	Withdrawn
10549	B and Z Travels Ltd	09 February 2012	01 April 2012	
10550	Imagination Marketing Systems Ltd	09 February 2012	11 May 2012	
10552	Blue Nile Travel & Services Ltd	13 February 2012	18 May 2012	
10553	Air Fast Tickets Ltd	14 February 2012	25 June 2012	
10554		16 February 2012		
10555		22 February 2012		
10556	Rightfoot Adventures Ltd	23 February 2012	01 April 2012	
10557	Optimal Travel Services Ltd	24 February 2012	20 July 2012	
10558		29 February 2012		
10559	Celtic Horizon Tours Ltd	05 March 2012	27 July 2012	
10560	TripAfrica Ltd	05 March 2012	30 May 2012	
10561	Easy Travel Centre Ltd	05 March 2012	25 May 2012	
10562	Purpose Holidays and Cruises Ltd	05 March 2012	15 May 2012	
10563		06 March 2012		
10564		07 March 2012		
10565		07 March 2012		
10566	Asian Horizons Ltd	15 March 2012	30 May 2012	
10567	Caravan Tours & Travel Ltd	16 March 2012	18 May 2012	
10568		19 March 2012		
10569		19 March 2012		
10570		21 March 2012		
10571	Advantage Travel Centres Ltd	21 March 2012	01 May 2012	
10572	The American Road Trip Company Ltd	22 March 2012	22 June 2012	
10573	SAI Travels Ltd	22 March 2012	26 July 2012	
10574		26 March 2012		
10575		28 March 2012		
10576	Undiscovered Holidays Ltd	28 March 2012	21 June 2012	
10577	TUI UK Retail Limited	05 April 2012	27 April 2012	
10578		05 April 2012		
10580	L & S Travel Solutions Ltd	11 April 2012	01 August 2012	
10581	Travel Republic Ltd	12 April 2012	30 August 2012	
10582	Pegasus Global Travel Limited	20 April 2012	12 July 2012	
10583	World Reisen Limited	23 April 2012	31 August 2012	
10584		24 April 2012		
10585	Thomas Cook Travel Ltd	01 May 2012	21 August 2012	
10586		02 May 2012	18 July 2012	
10587	Worldwide Escapes Ltd	08 May 2012	19 June 2012	
10588		09 May 2012		
10589	Worldbound Travel Ltd	11 May 2012	12 July 2012	

10590		11 May 2012		
10591		16 May 2012		
10592		17 May 2012		
10593		18 May 2012		
10594		21 May 2012		
10595		23 May 2012		
10596	Ulsterbus Ltd	24 May 2012	06 August 2012	
10597		25 May 2012		
10598	Kingdom Tourism Ltd	25 May 2012	25 July 2012	
10599	Carnival Corporation	25 May 2012	21 June 2012	
10600		29 May 2012		
10601		30 May 2012		
10602		31 May 2012		
10603		06 June 2012		
10604		06 June 2012		
10605		13 June 2012		
10606	Strachan Travel Ltd	13 June 2012	25 July 2012	
10607		14 June 2012		
10608		15 June 2012		
10609		15 June 2012		
10610	Samurai Snow Ltd	15 June 2012	31 August 2012	
10611		18 June 2012		
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10615		25 June 2012		
10616		25 June 2012		
10617		25 June 2012		
10618	E & R Abbott Ltd	26 June 2012	31 August 2012	
10619		26 June 2012		
10620		26 June 2012		
10621	Protected Travel Services Ltd	28 June 2012	26 July 2012	
10622		28 June 2012		
10623		02 July 2012		
10624		03 July 2012		
10625		11 July 2012		
10626		11 July 2012		
10627	IHS Travel Ltd	12 July 2012	07 September 2012	
10628	Holiday Flight Co Ltd	12 July 2012	29 August 2012	
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10636		20 July 2012		
10637		25 July 2012		
10638		25 July 2012		
10639	Kenyanadventure Ltd	30 July 2012	04 September 2012	
10640		02 August 2012		
10641		06 August 2012		
10643		07 August 2012		
10644		14 August 2012		
10645		14 August 2012		
10646		16 August 2012		
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10650		30 August 2012		
10651		05 September 2012		
10652		06 September 2012		
10653		07 September 2012		
T7443		03 January 2012	04 January 2012	Revoked By CAA
T7444	Garidan Ltd	12 January 2012	09 February 2012	
T7445	Running The Sahara Ltd	19 January 2012	26 January 2012	
T7446	321 Travel Ltd	23 January 2012	26 January 2012	
T7447	Sunshine Holidays Ltd	25 January 2012	26 January 2012	
T7448	Falcon and Sachz Ltd	27 January 2012	10 April 2012	
T7449	Holiday Savers Ltd	24 February 2012	01 March 2012	
T7450	Bespoke Brazil Ltd	01 March 2012	19 March 2012	
T7451	Clear Travel Ltd	19 March 2012	19 March 2012	
T7452	Nomadic Travel Ltd	02 April 2012	10 April 2012	
T7453		03 May 2012		
T7454	Mungo's Travel Solutions Limited	11 May 2012	07 June 2012	
T7455	I Want To Help Limited	16 May 2012	23 May 2012	
T7456	Inspired Travel UK Ltd	18 May 2012	07 June 2012	
T7457	Jetline Holidays Ltd	18 May 2012	28 June 2012	
T7458	Travel Unravel Holidays Private Ltd	13 June 2012	25 July 2012	
T7459	Waltham Travel Ltd	15 June 2012	13 July 2012	
T7460	Fly 165 Ltd	09 July 2012	11 July 2012	
T7461		16 July 2012		
T7462		16 July 2012		
T7463		25 July 2012		
T7464		17 August 2012		
T7465		31 August 2012		
T7466		31 August 2012		
T7467		31 August 2012		
T7468		31 August 2012		
TRA9710	Coolchain Distribution Ltd	10 February 2012	05 March 2012	
TRA9710579		11 April 2012		
TRA9710	Andante Travels Transport Company	07 August 2012	28 August 2012	