

24 June 2013
FOIA reference: F0001551

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent application of 24 May 2013, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

“If a British registered aircraft fails to take off because the ignition on an engine has failed is this an occurrence for which a mandatory report is required?”

If so please can you tell me whether flight TOM 109 from Holguin, Cuba to Manchester at 17.20 on 17 July 2010 reported such an incident.

Can you also tell me whether the same aircraft also reported an ignition failure previously - in particular on a flight from the Dominican Republic within the month prior to the flight from Cuba mentioned above”.

Our response:

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

Incident reports are provided to the CAA under the terms of the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) scheme, as described under Article 226 of the Air Navigation Order 2009 (ANO). Each report made is reviewed and, where appropriate, further investigation carried out and action taken.

If an aircraft suffers a failure or malfunction of any part of an engine or powerplant as identified in CAP 382 (The Mandatory Occurrence Reporting Scheme), Appendix B, Section 2.3 this would be such an occurrence which should be reported under the scheme.

We have searched the CAA database for a flight from Cuba to Manchester on 17th July 2010 and are not in receipt of such a report.

For more information about the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting scheme, please refer to CAP382 which can be found at: www.caa.co.uk/cap382

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:-

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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
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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.