

Flight Time Limitations Relationship with Civil Aviation Working Time Regulations

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# What's the CAA got to do with Health and Safety and Working Time?



- In place since April 2004
- Civil Aviation (Working Time) Regulations
- Amended 2010
- From EU Directive
  - Social legislation to protect the individual
  - Not related directly to flight safety
- Was new role for the CAA not HSE

## **The Regulations**



- Regulations cover:
  - Annual Leave entitlement
  - Health Assessments
  - Health and Safety protection at work
  - Pattern of work
  - Provision of information
  - Maximum annual working time
  - Rest days

- Limitations:
  - For UK undertakings only
  - Civil aircraft for public transport and Commercial Air Transport
  - Crew members = Flight and cabin
  - Inside the aircraft?

## What do the CAA Regulate?



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- No
- No (Except disclosure)
- Yes
- Yes (part adequate rest breaks)
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes

### Civil Aviation Authority

## A little detail

- Working time
  - Pattern of work rest breaks to protect health and safety
  - Maximums 900 hours block flying time and 2000 hours annual (including stand-by in full mostly)
  - Rest Days 7 days a month, 96 days a year (rest days are not leave days, 4 weeks)

- Health and Safety
  - General duty at all times to provide health and safety protection, prevention and facilities
  - N.B.

It is not the Health and Safety at Work Act or associated legislation

## **Before Enforcement**



- Duty is on the operator
- DfT Guidance / CAA Guidance
  - Line management
  - Union representation
  - CAA

## **CAA and Regulation**



- Flight safety takes primacy
- Directed 'light touch' approach
- Expect to intervene when other routes exhausted
  - Full enforcement powers (well nearly)!



## •Questions?