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## Procedures for Addressing Odour Events

**This Safety Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.**

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

<b>Applicability:</b>	
<b>Aerodromes:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Air Traffic:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Airspace:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Airworthiness:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Flight Operations:</b>	All Operators
<b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b>	Not primarily affected

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Following industry engagement, the purpose of this Safety Notice is to encourage Operators to have suitable procedures in place to manage smell/odour events that are not smoke/fumes events.

The procedures should ensure that measures remain in place to manage smoke/fumes events and require targeted and timely action to protect aircraft occupants.

### 2 Scope

- 2.1 Using their Safety Management System, Operators should establish procedures to ensure they adequately address benign odour events in the cabin and/or flight deck. Training and guidance material should include recognition, differentiation and appropriate actions/checklists.

Operators may wish to collaborate with original equipment manufacturers and other operators to continuously enhance smell/odour event procedures and to identify potential risks.

### 3 Further Information

- 3.1 Further guidance can be found in [International Civil Aviation Organization Document 9481](#) (2025-2026 Edition), titled Emergency Response Guidance for Aircraft Incidents Involving Dangerous Goods, which recommends emergency responses to fire, explosion, spillage, or leakage, specific for over 3,500 dangerous goods.

**4 Queries**

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance resulting from this communication should be addressed to [commsflightops@caa.co.uk](mailto:commsflightops@caa.co.uk)

**5 Cancellation**

- 5.1 This Safety Notice will remain in force until further notice.