Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 13 November 2015, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

‘Has the CAA issued any guidance or instructions to interested parties, as to how Airlines should now deal with the provisioning of the financial liability created and caused by the legislation EU261 under which the CAA gave clear instruction to Airlines that such liability was dictated by the Statute of Limitations period?’

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that the CAA has not issued any guidance or instructions on financial liability related to Regulation (EC) No. 261/2004. Accounting policies are a matter for the company concerned to ensure they are in line with the appropriate rules and conventions.

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:-

Caroline Chalk
Head of External Information Services
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
Gatwick
RH6 0YR

caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk

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 FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner’s Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=286&pagetype=65&appid=24.

Yours sincerely

Rihanne Stephen
Information Rights 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.