

2 December 2015
Reference: F0002561

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 16 November 2015, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are able to provide the information below.

The routine consignment of dangerous goods is not subject to CAA approval on a case by case basis. The CAA issues long term dangerous goods approvals to UK aircraft operators. Other European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) states issue dangerous goods approvals to their operators. EASA itself is responsible for Third Country Operator dangerous goods approvals (Please see <http://easa.europa.eu/easa-and-you?page=tco---third-country-operators>).

The CAA remains responsible for exemptions related to the carriage of normally-forbidden dangerous goods and approvals for specific dangerous goods such as prototype lithium batteries. The answers to your specific questions are provided on the basis that these are the applications of interest.

1. *As an estimate how many applications are there per annum to carry class 1 dangerous goods?*

From November 2014 – October 2015: 25 estimated.

2. *As an estimate how many applications are there per annum to carry dangerous goods other than class 1?*

From November 2014 – October 2015: 21 estimated.

3. *What is the application process?*

Please see the guidance notes within forms published at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/SRG2804Issue06.pdf> and <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/SRG2805Issue03.pdf>.

4. *Can the application be carried out online*

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House Gatwick Airport South Gatwick RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk
Telephone: 01293 768512. foi.requests@caa.co.uk

No.

5. *What is the turnaround time for an application?*

10 working days, however, a same day service is available with a surcharge.

6. *Do applicants have to be pre-approved?*

Yes, they must hold a general dangerous goods approval issued by either the CAA, another EASA State or EASA itself (however EASA has implemented a staged approach to issuing dangerous goods approvals to Third Country Operators).

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.