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5 April 2017
Reference: F0003141

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 28 March 2017, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your request:

'We would like to ask you for some statistical information regarding the registration of hot air balloons in your country.'

'We would need to find out how many hot air balloons were registered in the United Kingdom for the last 5 years.'

'How many balloons are registered and who are their manufacturers.'

Our response:

Following clarification of your request, you have confirmed that you are interested in data relating to newly constructed balloons (e.g. aircraft manufactured in the last 5 years). Please find below the information you have requested.

Count of mark MNFR	Year built 2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
BALONY KUBICEK SPOL. S R.O.	4	4	8	1	4	2	1	24
CAMERON BALLOONS LTD	11	26	23	27	26	24	4	141
CAMERON BALLOONS US					1			1
KAVANAGH BALLOONS PTY LTD						1		1
LINDSTRAND HOT AIR BALLOONS LTD	4	10	6	4				24
LINDSTRAND TECHNOLOGIES LTD		3			3	14	6	26
ULTRAMAGIC SA	6	5	9	9	8	10	2	49
AMATEUR CONSTRUCTION		1	1		9	6	2	19
Grand Total	25	49	47	41	51	57	15	285

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House Gatwick Airport South Gatwick RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk

Telephone: 01293 768512. foi.requests@caa.co.uk

Further statistics are available at <https://www.caa.co.uk/Data-and-analysis/Aircraft-and-airworthiness/Datasets/Aircraft-register-statistics/>

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

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?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.