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2 August 2018
Reference: F0003796

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in respect of your request of 5 July 2018, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

Copies of any notices of advice that the CAA has issued to partners or stakeholders about the potential impact of Brexit on UK aviation.

Our response:

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.

We have interpreted your request for 'notices of advice' as relating to formal advice that the CAA has made available to the aviation industry, or sectors of the industry.

The CAA understands that the aviation industry and its consumers want as much clarity as possible with respect to the UK's future relationship with the EU. Determining that future relationship is a matter for the UK Government in its negotiations with the EU.

On our [website](#) we have set out the work that the CAA is undertaking in relation to EU withdrawal, including the plans we are making for a potential non-negotiated withdrawal from the EU in March 2019.

We have also issued a statement on pilot licensing, a copy of which is attached.

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



Mark Stevens
External Response Manager

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.

06th June 2018

BREXIT Statement on Pilot Licensing

Regardless of the nature of the UK's exit from the European Union on the 29th of March 2019, it should be noted that all UK issued licences, ratings and certificates, both national and EASA, have been issued in accordance with Annex I of the Chicago Convention and are fully ICAO compliant, internationally recognised and protected by treaty among all ICAO signatory states. Therefore, being fully ICAO compliant, all UK CAA issued licences, ratings and certificates will remain valid both nationally and internationally on UK registered aircraft.

If the UK no longer continues as an EASA member, UK issued licences, ratings and certificates may continue to display EASA references beyond the 29th of March. In this instance, licences, ratings and certificates will be re-issued by the UK CAA. The length of time where licences will be reissued will be promulgated in the event this scenario becomes likely. However, during this period, the UK CAA will ensure that a clear written statement is available to be appended to licences, ratings and certificates, clarifying the legal status; thus avoiding any misunderstandings during overseas operations.

UK licence, rating and certificate holders should be assured that each ICAO compliant National Aviation Authority, whether an EASA state or not, has procedures and obligations to accept licences, ratings and certificates operating in their airspace and to permit for state of licence transfers from other ICAO compliant states.

Further updates will be promulgated by the UK CAA as negotiations progress on the precise nature of the UK exit from the European Union.

**Captain R Bishton
Head of Flight Operations**