



ECA General Assembly / Conference

23-24 November 2010, Brussels

Pilot associations' Delegates from across Europe, attending ECA's General Assembly, held in Brussels, unanimously adopted the following Motion regarding the EU's regulatory response to pilot fatigue and the related risks to flight safety:

Motion 8 – EU Flight Time Limitations

This ECA Conference, representing over 38.600 pilots from 38 European countries, is concerned for aviation safety in Europe. It reiterates its Motion of November 2008, the IFALPA Motion of March 2009, and demands:

- that the EU Institutions
 - deliver highest, scientifically supported FTL safety standards in Europe, in line with ICAO requirements, and free from social and commercial considerations;
 - focus on safety, prevent safety-regression in national FTL rules, and resist the airlines' lobbying in favour of commercially-driven EASA FTL rules;
 - acknowledge that safety does not come for free, and that Europe's passengers must not have to wait for a major accident before pilot fatigue is taken seriously.
- the EU Commission to swiftly issue clear guidance on how to interpret and implement Subpart Q, and to prevent ongoing abuses.

ECA believes its demand for safe, science-based FTL rules is in the interest of Europe's travelling public, and will act in support of it if necessary.

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