

**SAFETY REGULATION GROUP**

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Dear Sir / Madam

**WORK HOURS OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL**

Please find enclosed a copy of the report by Professor Simon Folkard on Work Hours of Aircraft Maintenance Personnel. This report contains the results of an independent study carried out by Professor Folkard, funded by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The work was commissioned largely in response to concerns expressed via the Confidential Human Factors Incident Reporting Programme (CHIRP) that excessive hours worked by some maintenance personnel posed an aviation safety risk.

The report is offered to industry as a scientific paper concerning the subject of work hours and fatigue. Please note that the recommendations are those of the author, Professor Folkard, and do not at this stage constitute formal, or informal, CAA policy regarding duty time limitations for maintenance personnel. The CAA is reviewing the paper and its conclusions with a view to further action which will be discussed with industry. In due course the paper may be issued as a CAA paper

Professor Folkard will be giving a presentation of his research at two conferences in October, organised independently of the CAA. The first will take place on 23rd October 2002, at Hamilton Place, London, and is entitled "Fatigue in Aviation". The second, which is maintenance specific, will take place at RAF Bentley Priory, Stanmore, on 24th October 2002. Details of these conferences may be found on [www.raes-hfg.com](http://www.raes-hfg.com).

Yours faithfully



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