

Regulatory bodies and Trade Associations Leaflet

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REGULATORY BODIES AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

What are Regulatory Bodies?

“Regulatory bodies exercise a regulatory function, that is: imposing requirements, restrictions and conditions, setting standards in relation to any activity, and securing compliance, or enforcement” (Totalprofessions.com, n.d.)

Roles of the Regulatory Bodies in the Aviation Industry

International Civil Aviation

Organization (ICAO)

ICAO works with the convention 191 members' states and industry groups to implement policies in support of a safe, efficient, and secure environment. They also coordinate assistant and capacity building for states in support of development objectives in the industry. ICAO produce global plans to coordinate air navigation monitor and report the performances of numerous air transport sector and review oversight capacity in safety and security areas in the aviation industry (Icao.int, n.d.).

Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

CAA ensures that they meet the highest safety standards and manage security effectively. The CAA is responsible for Airlines, Airports, Travel Companies, Pilot Medicals, Funding, Aviation Capacity, Aviation Security, Drones & ensures that the Environment is well kept (Caa.co.uk, 2015).

European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

The EASA carries out strategies and safety management, the certification of aviation product and oversight of approved organisations and EU member states. They appreciate legal, financial and technical autonomy to ensure the highest common level of safety and environmental protection for the EU Citizens (Easa.europa.eu, 2016).

Department for Transport – Security (TRANSEC)

TRANSEC works with agencies and partners to support the transport system, helping businesses and getting people and goods to travel. They are responsible for the maintenance of high standards of safety and security, planning and investing of transport infrastructure, implementing national aviation policies, working with airlines, airports, NATS, and the Civil Aviation Authority. Their priorities are to boost economic growth, improve a safe and sustainable transport and to upraise new opportunities (Gov.uk. n.d.).

National Air Traffic Service (NATS)

Service (NATS) offer air traffic navigation services to aircrafts in the UK to numerous international airports through controlled airspace (NATS, 2016). The air traffic controllers are responsible for maintaining radio contact with aircraft pilots, providing them with information about the weather, and which path they should take by giving them advice and instructions on such (TARGETjob, n.d.).

Police

The Police are in charge of investigating any form of wrongdoings within the airport. They are responsible for traffic managements, preventions of incidents, patrolling all areas in the airport and they ensure that passengers are travelling safe (Airport Police Service, 2016).

UK Border Agency (UKBA)

The UKBA is in charge of giving people the authority of entering into the UK. They focus on distributing UK visas as well as Immigration Enforcements because without visas, people will not be able to travel to and from the UK. The employees in the UKBA are known as custom immigration or custom officers they are in charge of arresting illegal persons who they come across within the airports and they ensure that unknown personnel do not enter the United Kingdom. (Gov.uk, n.d.).

What is a Trade Association?

A Trade Association is “An association of people or companies in a particular business or trade, organized to promote their common interests” (Dictionary.com, 2016).

Roles of the Trade Associations in the Aviation Industry

International Air Transport Association (IATA)

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is the trade association representing airlines including air traffic. They support activities in many areas helping to formulate policies on critical issues in the industry by setting standards for ticketing, luggage handling, also safety, security, environment and the quality of travel for a leading number of enterprises. IATA is responsible for ensuring that airlines and their clients get high standard of services and dependability and suggest practices to airlines, travel & cargo agents but it does not regulate its members. They only set morals (Iata.org, 2016).

Airports Council International (ACI)

(ACI) is responsible for developing standards, policies and recommended practises, ensuring that airports are safe and secure in the air transport system. The ACI's priorities are safety, economic development, customer service and security. They give encouragements on rules, representing the interest of airports and they provide knowledge of the industry as well as giving advices and assistance in airport management and operations to its members (Aci.aero, n.d.).

European Regional Airlines Association

Eraa.org (2016), states that “The major role of ERA is to raise the profile and importance of regional air transport to the economic and social development of Europe and this is undertaken through lobbying and communication campaigns”. European Regions Airline Association (ERA) is a trade association that represents the European aviation industry, 52 airlines and a high number of engine manufacturers, airports, suppliers and service providers from all over Europe.

British Air Transport Association (BATA)

The BATA is the trade body for UK registered Airlines and they work with governments and other regulatory bodies in helping to develop and represent issues of common interest such as noise, taxation, and the environment, airport capacity, regulation and consumer protection. They also encourage long term and sustainable growth in the industry. BATA is now the association of UK airlines (airlinesuk.org, 2016).

British Business and General Aviation

BBGA represents the interest of member businesses at Local, National, European and International levels. They support and promote growth in the industry and ensure that its reputation is fully understood and appreciated by the public, local and central government (Bbga.aero, 2009).