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I am Head of Transport sector in HSE and am responding to the letter Captain Tristan Loraine sent to Martin Temple on 23rd August on behalf of GCAQE, and the email sent by Dr Susan Michaelis on the 11th September.

In Martin Temple's letter to Captain Loraine of the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 responding to previous correspondence, we have already indicated how we work closely with the CAA and the reasons for this. We also set out why we will not be attending the conference and how we will be assessing any evidence that will emerge. We have confidence in CAA expertise, engage regularly with them and are also confident that they would draw on HSE expertise where necessary. However, that does not mean we are totally reliant on CAA we will as appropriate review and assess new information that emerges but this has to be proportionate. Previously among other things we have looked at evidence presented by the European Aviation Safety Agency and the reviews by the Committee of Toxicity, both eminent and respected organisations. Our epidemiologist have also looked at the recent paper Michaelis et al. 2017 (Pub. Heath Pan. 3(2): 141-356). We can see nothing in this most recent or previous evidence that provides clear and consistent evidence of causal long term health effects on air crew related to cabin air quality in line with standard epidemiological and toxicological assessment. We are also aware that the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council will be reviewing evidence on this issue shortly and we await their considerations.

We will continue to engage with CAA on this and other issues where our functions overlap to ensure appropriate and proportionate regulation bearing in mind the breadth of both our regulatory roles and

the need to carefully apply our finite resources most effectively to protect all those at work.

Regards,

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