Airbus A320-211, EC-FMN, 10 September 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Airbus A320-211, EC-FMN

No & Type of Engines: 2 CFM56 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1992

Date & Time (UTC): 10 September 1997 at 1038 hrs

Location: Stand F4, London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 7 - Passengers - 62

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Left winglet damaged

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 13,958 hours (of which 3,646 were on type)

Last 90 days - N/A

Last 28 days - N/A

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and

telephone enquiries by the AAIB

The crew of EC-FMN on Stand F4 were preparing for departure for Alicante. On the adjacent stand to the left, F2, another aircraftwas being loaded with cargo. The driver of the cargo truck was instructed to drive to the rear of the aircraft to use anotherhold. As he moved his vehicle, he drove outside the right wingof the aircraft on Stand F2 and the body roof of his vehicle collided with the left wing tip of EC-FMN.

Enquiries confirmed that the vehicle was fully serviceable; the driver of the vehicle involved had his airport driving licencewithdrawn.