
**Publication of advice for aviation brokers on Air Travel
Organiser's Licence (ATOL)**
Department for Transport – Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
RPC rating: validated

Description of proposal

The CAA has developed a note based on its existing guidance, which provides an easy summary of the ATOL and its associated legislative framework for non-ATOL travel brokers. It includes guidance on compliance with ATOL regulations, the ATOL scheme, and particular requirements that affect aviation brokers operating in the UK market.

Impacts of proposal

The CAA has used data from membership of the relevant trade association (the Baltic Air Charter Association) to estimate the number of brokers operating in the UK. The Association includes both UK and non-UK members, with a total of 260. However, data on the number of UK members is not available, so the CAA has assumed that 50% of the members (130) are UK-based.

The regulator notes that the document contains 3000 words and applies an average reading time of 150 words per minute; equating to an estimate of 20.3 minutes per reader to become familiar with the content.

Using previous Department for Transport estimates, the average cost for senior manager time is £26.30 per hour. The CAA has added a 20.2% uplift for non-wage costs, resulting in a cost of £31.61 ph, producing an overall one-off cost across the 130 estimated readers of £1,392.

The regulator states that the benefits of this guidance are an improved understanding of existing regulations, and consequent improved compliance.

The RPC verifies the estimated equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) of £0 million.

Quality of submission

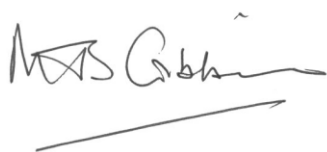
The assessment is concise and provides more than sufficient evidence to be proportionate to the scale of the measure; the CAA notes appropriately that any reasonable assumption as to the number of UK brokers would create an EANDCB which rounded to zero. An even briefer assessment would also have been proportionate in this case.

Departmental assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision
Equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB)	£0 million
Business net present value	£0 million

RPC assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision
EANDCB – RPC validated ¹	£0 million
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	£0 million
Small and micro business assessment	Not required



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¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANDCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.