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**OPEN LETTER**

Dear Captain Searle,

13<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

We, BALPA members and associate members, wish to lodge a formal complaint to BALPA NEC under Rule 9.8.

The subject of contaminated cabin air is well-known to BALPA, as an international conference on 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> April 2005 in London led BALPA General Secretary Jim McAuslan to conclude that there is *"a workplace problem resulting in chronic and acute illness amongst flight crew"*.

The Aerotoxic Association (founded 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007) responded to the reflections of the General Secretary by undertaking further action as specifically suggested by him.

During 2009, the Aerotoxic Association wished to pay for an advert and to have an article about Aerotoxic Syndrome published for the benefit of BALPA members in The Log magazine. Both were rejected by BALPA.

Latterly, a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 was sent to the General Secretary requesting an informal meeting to determine BALPA's position on contaminated cabin air - as the fifth anniversary of the London conference approached. This letter has been ignored.

We, the undersigned now wish to raise a formal complaint that BALPA are denying their paying members accurate, up to date information on the subject of contaminated air in airliners and are continuing to fail to enforce COSHH and other regulations relating to exposure of hazardous chemicals in the workplace.

These BALPA failings are putting members' health and flight safety at risk and making it unlikely that BALPA members will be in possession of crucial information; this may result in serious ill health, which may be misdiagnosed and mistreated.



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The above would appear to be in direct contravention of BALPA rules:

Rule 3 OBJECTS

3.1 The objects of BALPA shall be:

3.1.1 To promote the highest possible level of safety and security within civil aviation.

3.1.2 To advise on all commercial, scientific, educational and technical matters relating to air transport.

3.1.3 To advance the technical knowledge of members, potential members and the aviation industry and to provide training and learning opportunities.

3.1.4 To uphold the interests of members, improve their terms and conditions, regulate relations with their employers and generally to assist them.

Please acknowledge this letter in writing.

Yours sincerely,

Captain John Hoyte, Chairman Aerotoxic Association

For and on behalf of:

Tony Watson  
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