



The airlines 'cost argument'

- One of the arguments usually put forward by the airlines against science-based pilot fatigue rules is that implementing such rules would cost a lot of money and will therefore hamper European airlines' competitiveness.
 - Each citizen and each pilot wants a competitive airline industry and we are therefore attentive to such arguments.
 - However, no commercial interest should come into the way of aviation safety. Safety must be the only driver of the development of aviation rules.
 - The UK current rules (CAP 371) are one of the safest pilot fatigue rules in Europe. This did not prevent the UK from having one of the most competitive airline industries worldwide...
 - Furthermore, the US regulator (Federal Aviation Authorities) has calculated that its newly adopted modernized fatigue rules — which reflect science on key points — would entail a cost that is largely inferior to a single accident of a 150-passenger airplane. — Safety does not come for free; it is an investment in the future of our aviation sector.
- » Future pilot fatigue rules must be based on scientific evidence, not on commercial interests!



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