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2nd Helicopter Safety Culture Seminar

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All Helicopter Operators (CAT/NCC/NCO/SPO)
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Helicopter Pilots, Accountable Managers, Safety Officers

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Recent UK helicopter accident and incident investigations indicate that non technical issues, such as planning and risk assessment continue to play a significant part in these events. However, evidence indicates that a strong and open operator safety culture can be a significant defence in addressing such issues.
- 1.2 As part of its regulatory activity the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) maintains close liaison with the British Helicopter Association (BHA) in developing a number of ongoing safety strategies, one of which identifies the need for a forum to openly discuss the industry safety culture.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 The CAA and BHA are holding a 2nd Safety Culture Seminar at the CAE Academy Auditorium, London Oxford Airport, on 17 May 2017, hosted by Capital Air Services. The intent of the Seminar is to promote dialogue and debate amongst the helicopter community with the aim of raising awareness and reducing occurrences. Company management personnel, in particular Accountable Managers from both AOC and corporate (Part-NCC) operations, are strongly encouraged to attend.

3 Further Information

- 3.1 Full content for the day, including agenda and guest speakers, will be published on the BHA website (<http://www.britishhelicopterassociation.org/>) when the programme has been finalised but the programme of events will run from 0930 to 1600.

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to Flight Operations Helicopters, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, Civil Aviation Authority, Aviation House, Gatwick Airport, RH6 0YR.
- 4.2 Attendees need to register intent to attend the Seminar with the BHA at info@britishhelicopterassociation.org or telephone 01276 856100.

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 17 May 2017.