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Dear Sir

Richard Mark Westgate (Deceased)

Regulation 28 Response

This letter is British Airways Plc's Response to the Report to Prevent Future Deaths issued by the Senior Coroner for Dorset dated 16 February 2015. This Response is made pursuant to Regulation 29(3)(b) of The Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

BA notes the matters of concern set out by the Coroner in the Report to Prevent Future Deaths. BA has given, and continues to give, the most serious consideration to the issue of cabin air quality.

The Matters of Concern in the Report to Prevent Future Deaths have been fully dealt with by official Government and regulatory bodies. They have studied the issue of cabin air contamination, and have provided guidance for airlines (including BA) to follow. The evidence does not support the conclusion that there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. The most recent example of such advice may be found in the Committee on Toxicity's ("COT") Position Paper on Cabin Air in 2013.

Those regulatory investigations are continuing with the recently announced decision of EASA to undertake further research in the area.

BA follows the guidance and legislation to which it is subject. BA keeps abreast of research in this area, and has in place a system of monitoring such events.

The available evidence does not suggest that organophosphate chemicals are present in cabin air in sufficient quantities to pose a risk to health. The evidence with which you have been presented and which led to the issue of the Report unfortunately was selective and provided by only one Interested Party. We regard the future course of the Investigation as an opportunity to provide you with a balanced and fully evidence-based view on the Matters of Concern.

It is understood that the CAA concur with this view.

Yours faithfully



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