

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

**ACCIDENT TO BOEING B767-304, G-OBYJ, AT LUTON AIRPORT ON 16 FEBRUARY 2005
(AIRCRAFT RAN INTO TUG DURING TOWING MANOEUVRE)**

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SYNOPSIS

(From AAIB Report)

The aircraft had been pushed back, with engines running, and the ground handling crew was then asked to tow it forward. During the manoeuvre the towbar shear pins failed, the tug was braked to a stop and the aircraft ran into the tug. Ownership of the towbar was not clear and consequently it had not been maintained and was unserviceable. The ground crew's training had not prepared them for towing an aircraft forwards.

One Safety Recommendation has been made.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

The one Safety Recommendation, made by the AAIB following their investigation, is reproduced below, together with the CAA's response.

Recommendation 2006-118

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority reminds AOC holders of their responsibility to ensure that suitable curricula and standards are in place for the training and maintenance of competency of staff involved in the ground handling of commercial aircraft at airports and also that they should require a means of ensuring adherence to those standards.

CAA Response

The CAA accepts this recommendation. The CAA will alert operators to the accident and the circumstances surrounding it through the medium of a FODCOM. The FODCOM will further remind operators of their need to

apply JAR-OPS 1 Subpart C, Appendix 2 to JAR-OPS 1.175, which specifies the responsibilities and requirements for the competency of ground handling staff and the maintenance of standards. The FODCOM will be published before the end of December 2006.

In addition, the CAA's future audit strategy for AOC holders will be revised to re-emphasise the need to ensure that standards for the training and maintenance of the competency of ground handling staff are in place and are being adhered to.

CAA Status - Open