

## Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

*ACCIDENT TO CAMERON A-300 HOT AIR BALLOON, G-SNIF, AT CROXTON STAFFORDSHIRE ON 7 AUGUST 2008*

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**OPERATOR** : Wickers World Ltd.  
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### SYNOPSIS

From AAIB Report:

After a firm landing in a field, the balloon bounced twice before coming to rest on its side. During the landing one of the passengers was injured. She later discovered her knee suffered a fracture in the landing. Two Safety Recommendations have been made.

### FOLLOW UP ACTION

The two Safety Recommendations made by the AAIB following their investigation are reproduced below together with the CAA's responses.

#### Recommendation 2009-011

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority, in conjunction with the British Balloon and Airship Club require balloon baskets certified for Public Transport flights, where practicable, to contain dense foam seating blocks and additional padding to reduce the effect of impact with the basket structure.

#### CAA Response

The CAA accepts this Recommendation. The CAA will, in conjunction with the British Balloon and Airship Club, require balloon baskets certified for Public Transport flights, where practicable, to contain dense foam seating blocks and additional padding to reduce the effect of impact with the basket structure. As this requirement is only practicable for the compartmented baskets used for most balloon Public Transport flights, CAA discussions with BBAC, the British Association of Balloon Operators and UK balloon manufacturers will be focussed accordingly.

These focussed discussions and associated activity are planned to be completed by March 2010.

**CAA Status - Open**

**Recommendation 2009-012**

It is recommended that European Aviation Safety Agency require new balloon baskets certified for Public Transport flights, to contain dense foam seating blocks and additional padding to reduce the effect of the impact with the basket structure.

**CAA Response**

This Recommendation is not addressed to the CAA.

**CAA Status - Closed**