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SERIOUS INCIDENT TO BOEING 737-8F2, TC-JKF, AT LONDON STANSTED AIRPORT, ON 13 MARCH 2011

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F4/2012
FACTOR PUBLICATION DATE : 30 March 2012
TYPE OF FLIGHT : Commercial Air Transport
CAA OCCURRENCE NUMBER : 2011/02689
AAIB REPORT : 2/2011

SYNOPSIS

From AAIB Report

Shortly after take-off from Stansted, the aircraft levelled at 800 ft aal (450 ft agl) and did not climb until the pilots received instructions from ATC. The pilots had misinterpreted altitude restrictions shown on the departure chart.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

Recommendation 2011-089

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority should ensure that the vertical profile information included within the general information section of all SIDs published in the UK AIP is unambiguous and that the wording used is consistent across all UK SIDs.

CAA Response

The CAA accepts this recommendation and will undertake a review of the vertical information displayed in the general information section of UK AIP SID charts. This will be commensurate with recommendation 2011-89. Where any differences are found the Aerodrome concerned will be requested to update the information published to ensure that any vertical profile information included in UK AIP SID charts shall be unambiguous and that the wording is consistent across all UK SIDs. The CAA is already in the process of devising the appropriate guidance for charts and when finalised an AIC clarifying SID vertical profile information will be issued. This will provide medium term mitigation allowing the 250 SID charts to be updated as NATS AIS works through them.

However, to provide immediate mitigation a permanent NOTAM will be agreed with CAA Flight Ops and issued making operators and air navigation service providers quickly aware of the issue. The NOTAM will be issued by the end of March 2012.

Due to the number of SID charts to be reviewed and amended, the target completion date is March 2013.

CAA Status - Open