

Introduction to CAA Sandbox & Hydrogen

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About The Civil Aviation Authority

We constantly challenge ourselves and our stakeholders to improve safety, security and consumer protection outcomes.

- Aerodromes
 Airworthiness
 Flight Operations
 Airspace Regulation
- Airspace Change
- Air Traffic Management
- Rapid Capabilities
- Design and Certification
- General Aviation
- Remotely Piloted Aircraft

Safety and Airspace Group

- Airline Licensing
- Consumer Protection
- Airline Credit and risk
- ATOL
- Airport and NATS
 Economic Regulation
- Competition

- Innovation Services
- Airfield Advisory Team
- Environmental Research & Consultancy (ERCD)
- CAA International
- State Safety Partnerships
- Air Safety Unit

- Sustainability
- Innovation Futures
- Airspace Modernisation
- Space
- Strategy and EU Exit
- Network Resilience

CAA Strategy

and Policy

Department

Consumers and Markets Group



The Innovation Hub's Challenge

In order to deliver our mission and visions, the Innovation Hub needs to...

Educate regulators and policy makers on innovation...

By providing insights, evidence, and recommendations





Introducing the CAA's 'Challenge' Approach



Zero Emissions Flight: Programme Outline

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UK Jet Zero Strategy:

- 10% SAF in the UK aviation fuel mix by 2030
- Zero emission routes connecting different parts of the UK by 2030
- All airport operations in England to be zero emission by 2040
- All UK domestic flights net zero by 2040
- Net zero aviation in 2050

Objectives

- 1. Create a regulatory strategy
- 2. Support aviation Industry to meeting Net Zero
- 3. Provide a clear regulatory pathway
- 4. Enhance engagement with all relevant stakeholders
- 5. Understand impact of novel net zero solutions

Areas of interest

| 1. Hydrogen | 6. Environmental Impact. |
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| 2. Battery-Electric | 7. Human Factors |
| 3. Sustainable Aviation Fuel | 8. Pilot Licencing |
| 4. Aerodromes, Ground Infrastructure & Operations | 9. Maintenance & Continuing Airworthiness |
| 5. Airspace | 10. Design & Certification |

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Safety Regulation Considerations for new Hydrogen & Battery Technologies



GROUND OPERATIONS

Weight & Balance of Aircraft - Turnaround Times – ATEX certified equipment - Fuel dormancy support equipment – Leak detection systems – Automated ground equipment



AIRCRAFT

Initial Airworthiness – Continuing Airworthiness – Crashworthiness – Pressurised Fuel Systems – Hydrogen Explosion Prevention – Tanks – Propulsion Systems – Safety – Battery Storage & Safety



HUMAN FACTORS

-Training – Licencing for manufactures, crew, ground handlers, ATCOs



INFRASTRUCTURE

Hydrogen generation – Storage – Pipelines – Liquefaction – Electrolysis – Venting – Energy Supplies



ENVIROMENTAL ISSUES CO2 Monitoring – Non CO2 Impacts – Noise – Whole Life Cycle



AIRSPACE CHANGE Different take-off / approach profiles & speed - Noise



FUELLING

Fuel Safety Zone – Location of tanks – Refuelling with passengers onboard – Fuel Regulations – Location of recharging stations – Jettison of water – Emergency Response

Zero Emissions Flight Programme Outline

Current work we are conducting with the Zero Emissions Flight Regulation Sub Group:



Regulatory Capture & Review

Review of legislation, regulations, standards, policies, guidance material, AMC

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Working with industry to capture current gaps



Zero Emissions Flight Programme Outline

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What is the Regulatory Sandbox

Learn: Reflection for both CAA & Industry

Test to explore the mitigations & gather evidence

Discuss Mitigations

Identify Hazards

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Helping Industry to Overcome Regulatory Challenges

The Sandbox helps industry to maximise the regulatory readiness of their innovation by ensuring development activities address the risks that their innovation brings in terms of safety, security and consumer protection

The Innovation team will work with industry to:

- identify the regulations applicable to the innovation.
- identify the regulatory challenges i.e. the gaps between the innovative design or intended operations and what is permissible under existing regulations.
- discuss the associated safety (and also security and consumer protection) hazards.
- industry proposes mitigations for the hazards identified (Planning). These are then explored through tests and simulations in safe environments (Testing) to encourage learnings for both the industry and CAA (Learning).

By providing clarity on the new challenges and emerging risks we help to increase the CAA regulatory team's awareness of these aspects so that future regulation can be developed to support in the areas required.

The Sandbox Approach



1. Develop a common understanding of the innovation and the regulations that apply to it, and where there are gaps in regulations.

Where there are gaps in regulations, the CAA clarifies the unknowns and risks that innovation brings with regards to safety, security and consumer protection.

2. At the Planning stage, the industry propose design mitigations for the unknows and risks.

 These are then explored through tests and simulations in safe environments (Testing stage)
 Encourage learnings (Learning Stage). Short iterative cycles of 'Planning, Testing and Learning' are favoured to eliminate unknowns and risks,

The Sandbox Methodology – Application for Regulatory Approvals & Trial Demonstarions



The organisation applies for the regulatory approvals applicable to the trial.

The organisation regularly will report about findings regarding the success (or otherwise) of trials.

The Innovation Hub will share these with other CAA colleagues for the purposes of informing future decision making, wider policy making, guidance and regulations.

Approvals for Demonstrations

Helping to conduct demonstrations under existing rules

When industry wish to test technical feasibility and conduct other forms of testing in live environments but require support in navigating existing regulations the Innovation team can help by supporting industry in determining which regulatory approvals are required.

The CAA clarifies:

- The conditions and requirements to obtain the regulatory approvals for conducting the testing and demonstrations and what approval pathway may be best suited;
- Aspects of the test operations that present significant risks to third parties. The greater the risks, the more comprehensive the safety case must be. Applications may take longer to assess, and the Consortium may not be able to conduct the tests within the timescales of the project.
- Showstoppers, i.e. aspects of the testing operations that the CAA would not authorise.





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