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'Piloting Safety'

The airlines 'cost argument'

- One of the arguments usually put forward by the airlines against science-based pilot fatigue rules is that implementing such rules will cost a lot of money and will therefore hamper European airlines' **competitiveness**.
 - Each citizen and each pilot wants a competitive airline industry and we are therefore attentive to such arguments.
 - However, **no commercial interest should come into the way of aviation safety**. Safety must be the only driver of the development of aviation rules.
 - The **UK current rules (CAP 371)** are one of the **safest pilot fatigue rules** in Europe. This did not prevent the **UK from having one of the most competitive airline industries** worldwide...
 - Furthermore, the US regulator (Federal Aviation Authorities) has calculated that its future proposal—which is largely based on science—would cost 1.25 billion dollars over the next 10 years; they state that “ **a single accident of a 150-passenger airplane exceeds this cost**”.
- ⇒ **Future pilot fatigue rules must be based on scientific evidence, not on commercial interests!**



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