



European Aviation Safety Agency

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Subject: Invitation to the EASA Information Session "Commercial Balloon Operations" on 17 February 2009

Dear Madam or Sir,

Following several requests and taking into account a number of questions as regards commercial ballooning, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend our Information Session on commercial balloon operations.

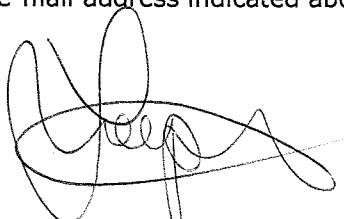
With this event, the Agency aims to inform balloon experts about the proposed requirements for pilot licensing (NPA 2008-17), organisations (NPA 2008-22) and air operations (NPA 2009-02). It will also present the continuing airworthiness requirements for commercial balloons in place today. The Information session will be held in Cologne on 17 February 2009. The event is scheduled before the end of the comment period of NPA 2008-17 to provide stakeholders with additional information so as to enable them to provide their comments during the public consultation period.

Please find attached the preliminary agenda of the meeting.

You are kindly requested to indicate your interest by confirming your participation by email or phone, before 16 February 2009 to narcisa.mihailescu@easa.europa.eu

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Yours faithfully,



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