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Response to Emissions Trading Report

In response to media stories that a report by the Caron Trust will claim airlines will increase their profits from entry into the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) in 2012, Roger Wiltshire, Secretary General of the British Air Transport Association said:

“This is nonsense. Airlines aren’t even able to pass on the additional taxation and other costs that governments impose without directly absorbing some of these charges. Airlines operate and have to survive in a highly competitive market and it is simply ludicrous to compare the airline industry with the experience of the power sector.”

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Notes to Editors

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- In 2008, BATA members employed over 71,000 people, operated two thirds of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for over 80% of UK airline output, carrying over 86 million passengers.
- BATA member airlines are: bmi, British Airways, DHL, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways and Virgin Atlantic.