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# IFALPA produces MPL implementation checklist

Chertsey 21 February: The implementation of the Multi Crew Pilot Licence (MPL) is underway in a number of countries and is sure to be expanded elsewhere in the near future. While the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) took an active role in the development of the MPL, and believes that the training associated with the licence has the potential to create new pilots of a standard that is as good or better than those coming via the traditional route, it has some concerns about how the licence will be implemented. Chiefly, these concerns centre on the potential focus of the MPL systems as a method of reducing training time and cost as a primary goal rather than producing the best pilot standards possible and the risk of inadequate oversight by regulators. Equally, the Federation is concerned that sponsoring airlines take an active role in the training programme development to ensure that it remains relevant to 'real world' airline operations.

For more details see IFALPA's MPL Position Statement available on the Federation's website. [www.ifalpa.org/positionstatement.asp](http://www.ifalpa.org/positionstatement.asp).

In addition to the safety concerns the implementation of the MPL also raises a number of separate industrial issues including the risk of a two-tier pilot group and the potential of reduced workforce mobility due to the licence being 'tied' to a specific airline.

The implementation of the MPL presents a wide variety of opportunities and risks and, as with any complex issue, there is the risk of important points being missed. That's why the Federation tasked a group of experts to develop the checklist which is designed to aid Member Associations as they work with their individual regulator on the implementation of the licence with the goal of producing pilots that are trained to the highest possible standard as they begin their airline careers.

IFALPA's MPL checklist is available on the Federation website [www.ifalpa.org/briefleaflets.asp](http://www.ifalpa.org/briefleaflets.asp)

## *Notes to Editors*

*The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 95 countries world-wide. The mission of IFALPA is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations. See the Federation website [www.ifalpa.org](http://www.ifalpa.org)*

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