

## Press Release

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## **RESTRICTION OF BOEING 737 MAX AIRCRAFT IN CAYMAN AIRSPACE**

George Town, Grand Cayman, (12 March 2019) – Following the second catastrophic accident of a Boeing 737 Max aircraft, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands (CAACI) is today issuing a safety directive to all air transport operators restricting operation of any Boeing 737 Max 8 or Boeing 737 Max 9 aircraft in the airspace of the Cayman Islands, effective 12 March 2019 at 5:00pm. This safety directive will remain in place until further notice.

Should you require additional information, please email civil.aviation@caacayman.com.

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## **Reference:**

Safety Directive attached.

Background info to augment:

The CAACI has full designation for safety oversight as a UK OT, and is one of only two OTs to enjoy such delegation. The CAACI is responsible for both financial and economic regulation of the Cayman aviation industry. In addition, the Cayman Islands is classified as Category 1 by the USA Federal Aviation Administration under their "International Aviation Safety Assessments" programme that evaluates a country's civil aviation authority's ability to effectively regulate its aviation industry. This rating enables commercial air transport operators registered in Cayman to conduct international air transport operations into the USA, i.e., Cayman Airways, Ltd. The requirement for such rating lies with the CAACI being assessed as having technically qualified and highly experienced staff to effectively oversee the aviation industry in accordance with established standards and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).