

By e-mail to xxx

Web Site: www.dft.gov.uk
Ref: F0007701

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Dear Sir

FOI request for information Chemtrails – Ref F0007701

Thank you for your e-mail FOI request on “chemtrails”.

Whilst we are aware of claims of chemtrails on the internet and via you tube videos etc, the Department has no **credible** evidence of chemtrails or any matter or aerosol being ejected from aircraft in the UK, other than the normal exhaust products from aircraft. As such, the Department holds no information on chemtrails other than that provided with this response.

Regarding trails coming from the wings of aircraft, there are sources of contrails other than the engines, such as air flows around the control edges. Due to the laws of science there is a relationship between the pressure, volume and temperature of a gas. As the air flows over an aircraft, it undergoes a number of pressure changes which can result in it being cooler in parts. As the air cools it is less able to hold moisture so it condenses out as a vapour which is observed as a contrail. The vortices coming off the wing tips of aircraft is a common phenomenon that passengers can observe, even at low level, caused by this effect.

The attached sheet provides information we have on contrails, including that contrails can be long lasting. This is also available at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/fags/aviationfags>

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to me at the above address. Please see attached details of the Department for Transport’s complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

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Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF