

PRESS RELEASE

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Following the publication of Jean-Pierre Otelli's book « Erreurs de pilotage, Tome 5 », the BEA notes that a chapter on the accident to the A330-203, Rio-Paris flight AF 447, which occurred on 1st June 2009, includes a part of a literal transcription of the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR).

The BEA strongly condemns the disclosure of this transcription, which is a violation of Article 14 of the European Regulation of 20 October 2010 that came into effect on 2 December 2010.

This transcription mentions personal conversations between the crew members that have no bearing on the event, which shows a lack of respect for the memory of the late crew members.

The BEA safety investigation has not yet been completed and any attempt at interpretation at this stage is partial and, as a result, can only fan the flames of the controversies of the last few months, which is harmful to all concerned.

This is why the BEA reminds those concerned that only an in-depth analysis of the facts will enable all the causes of the accident to be determined. New Safety Recommendations will then be issued in addition to the existing ones. All of this work will be included in the Final Report that will be published by June 2012.

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