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Attachment 13 – Flex Takeoff Memo

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Flight Training & Standards - Airbus

TO: A319/320/321 Flight Crews

FROM: Captain John Hope, Fleet Captain and Director, Airbus

DATE: June 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Flex Takeoff

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Recently we have experienced a number of unnecessary Rejected Takeoff's because a FLEX temperature was omitted in the MCDU when intending to depart with FLEX thrust. As you are aware, if a FLEX temperature is not entered in the MCDU and the thrust levers are positioned to FLEX, a warning will be triggered. Alone this is not a requirement for a rejected takeoff; simply continue to advance the thrust levers to TOGA and continue the takeoff.

Please review the procedures for Setting Takeoff Thrust are outlined in the Pilot Handbook in section 2d.1.2.

After reviewing all of the pertinent information in the Pilot Handbook regarding Setting Takeoff Thrust, please feel free to contact Airbus Flight Training & Standards should you have further questions.