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Yr letter dated July 5th, 2010

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Dear Captain Williams, *Russ*

Thank you for your letter dated July 5th, 2010 regarding the maximum placarded weight limits for overhead bins.

In response, I am pleased to give you the following information:

- a) The maximum weight that can be put in the overhead bins is mentioned on a placard located inside the subject bins. You will find attached an example of this placard location for the A330/A340 family.
- b) For each aircraft type, the Cabin Crew Operating Manual (CCOM) refers to the placard mentioned above, and gives some warnings regarding the loading of these bins. You will find attached an example of CCOM (A330/A340 family).
- c) As far as the certification of the overhead bins is concerned, Airbus aircraft comply with the following regulations:
 - JAR 25.789 (a): "Retention of items of mass in passenger and crew compartments"
 - JAR 25.561 (a)(b)(c): "Emergency landing conditions"
 - JAR 25.787 (a)(b): "Stowage compartments"
- d) The above certification requirements obviously includes some safety margins on top of operational limits indicated on the placard bins (cf. §a). However this margin is dedicated to the regulations and cannot be used by the operators for a potential load increase.

I hope this replies to your concern.

Yours sincerely

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