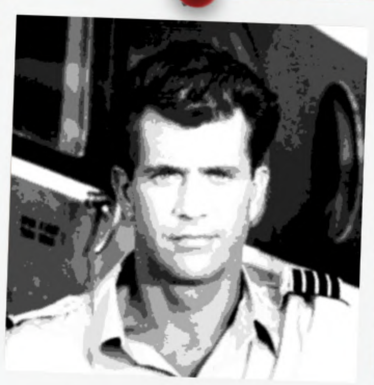
RAMP CHECK FINDINGS
Top Offenders

Flight Planning


Documents

Defects

Charts

Cabin Safety

Flight Planning

* Flight planned for an unavailable alternate. LFMD, LFOB, LFLX and LFBE are the usual suspects here.

* Had no weather briefing or PPR.

* Bogus flight planning to alternates. (Planning straight lines, outrageous speeds below FL100, and ridiculous fuel computations.)

* Had the wrong number of pax onboard, or pax sitting in the wrong places. The same errors were found for luggage.

* Pilot bafflement when asked about the various empty/operating/maximum masses of the aircraft.

Documents

* Different versions of the same manual or checklist found onboard.

* No instructions for challenging airports.

* No procedure for in-flight fuel checks.

* Dangerous goods not listed properly (i.e. lithium batteries).

* Outdated versions of the QRH found onboard, or sometimes not found at all!

* Mismatch between the aircraft configuration and the QRH, or the equipment on the aircraft and the MEL.

* (O) or (M) procedures inadequate or missing.

Defects

* Maintenance action from the MEL hadn't been done.

* Inoperative equipment not mentioned in the tech log, or missing info from engineers.

* Flight operations conducted beyond the due dates.

Charts

* Outdated navigation databases or charts (in one case by up to a decade!).

* Missing instrument charts.

* Use of an unapproved EFB.

* No storage device installed for the EFB.

Cabin Safety

* Beds open during critical phases of flight and taxi, blocking emergency exits.

* Luggage stored in the toilets, left on the floor or seats or in front of an emergency exit.

* Straps or nets not used to secure stuff in the cargo hold.

* Household coffee machine installed in the galley.