Alteration of public service obligations in respect of scheduled air services within France

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. France has decided to alter the public service obligations on scheduled air services between the airports of Lorient (Lann Bihoué) and Lyons (Saint-Exupéry) published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 188 of 28 June 1996, as amended on 29 May 2001 (*Official Journal of the European Communities* C 154), pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes.

2. The altered public service obligations are as follows:

— *Minimum frequency*

The services must be operated throughout the year.

The services must be operated at a rate of at least two return trips a day, morning and evening, from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

The services must be operated without a stopover between Lorient-Lann Bihoué and Lyons-Saint-Exupéry.

— *Type of aircraft used and capacity provided*

The service must be operated with a pressurised aircraft having a seating capacity of at least 30. The aircraft must be fitted with toilets. A drinks service must be provided for passengers on board the aircraft.

— *Timetables*

Timetables must be such as to enable passengers on business trips during the working week to make the round trip within the day and to spend at least eight hours in Lyons and at least seven hours in Lorient.

— *Flight bookings*

Flights must be marketed by means of at least one computerised reservation system.

— *Continuity of service*:

Except in cases of 'force najeure', the number of flights cancelled for reasons directly attributable to the carrier must not exceed 3 % of the number of flights scheduled in any IATA scheduling season.

The carrier must give six months' notice before discontinuing these services.

Community carriers are hereby informed that the operation of air services without regard to the abovementioned public service obligations may result in administrative and/or criminal penalties.

3. These public service obligations will replace those concerning scheduled air services between Lorient (Lann Bihoué) and Lyons (Saint-Exupéry), published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 188 of 28 June 1996, as amended on 29 May 2001 (*Official Journal of the European Communities* C 154).