

Imposition of a public service obligation on scheduled air services within France

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. 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, France has decided to impose a public service obligation on scheduled air services between Lannion and Paris (Orly).

2. The public service obligation is as follows:

Minimum frequency

The minimum level of service provided throughout the year must be two return trips per day, morning and evening, from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays and the last week of December.

The service must be operated without a stopover between Lannion and Paris (Orly).

Type of aircraft used and capacity provided

The service must be operated with a pressurised aircraft having a seating capacity of at least 70 which is suited to conditions at the airport. There must be toilets on board.

Timetables

The timetables must allow passengers travelling on business to make a round trip in a day spanning at least eight hours to both Paris and Lannion.

Slots have been reserved at Paris (Orly) airport from Monday to Friday for the scheduled Paris (Orly)–Lannion service pursuant to Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports. Carriers interested in this service may obtain any information on these slots from the coordinator for Paris airports.

Commercial policy

Seats on these flights must be marketed by at least one computerised booking system.

Continuity of service

Except in cases of force majeure, the number of flights cancelled for reasons directly attributable to the carrier must not exceed 3 % of the number of flights scheduled in any year. In addition, the carrier must give six months' notice before discontinuing the services.

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