

**Public service obligations in respect of 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 Metz-Nancy-Lorraine and Paris (Orly).

2. The public service obligation is as follows:

*Minimum frequency*

The minimum level of service provided throughout the year must be three return trips per day, with one in the morning and one in the evening, from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

During August and the last week of the year, the number of return trips provided per day, from Monday to Friday, may be reduced to two.

In addition, one return trip must be provided on Sunday evening.

The services must be operated without a stopover between Metz-Nancy-Lorraine 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 48 which is suited to conditions at the airport. There must be toilets on board.

*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 at their destination, whether Paris or Metz-Nancy-Lorraine, except during August and the last week of the year.

*Flight bookings*

Flights must be booked by means of at least one computerised reservation 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. 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 above-mentioned public service obligations may result in administrative and/or criminal penalties.

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