

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 (1) (a) OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2408/92

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

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. In pursuance of 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<sup>(1)</sup>, France has decided to impose public service obligations in respect of scheduled air services operated between Aubagne and Marseilles (Provence).

2. The public service obligations are as follows:

— *Minimum frequency*

The services must be operated throughout the year, except during the month of August.

The services must be operated at a rate of at least 2 return trips per day, morning and evening, from Monday to Friday.

— *Type and capacity of aircraft used*

The services must be operated using a twin-rotor helicopter conforming to current legislation and with a minimum capacity of 4 seats.

— *Timetables*

The timetables must allow passengers travelling on business during the working week to make a round trip within the day, spending at least 8 hours in both Marseille and Aubagne.

The following timetables (expressed in local time) have been applied for:

arrival at Marseille Provence airport before 08.00 and 19.15 hours;

departure from Marseille Provence airport before 08.45 and 20.00 hours.

— *Fares*

The full single fare must not exceed FF 420 (at 1995 value). This does not include taxes other than VAT.

— *Commercial policy*

The flights must be commercialized using at least a computerized 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 scheduled flights per IATA timetable season.

The carrier may interrupt the services only after giving six months' notice.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 240, 24. 8. 1992, p. 8.