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 between Ostrava (OSR) and Brussels (BRU)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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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, the Czech Republic has imposed public service obligations in respect of scheduled air services between Ostrava (OSR) and Brussels (BRU).

2. The public service obligations are as follows:

   — *Minimum frequencies — route and minimum number of rotations per week*

   Ostrava Leoš Janáček Airport (OSR/LKMT)-Brussels Airport (BRU/EBBR): 3 rotations.

   — *Minimum aircraft parameters required*

   Pressurised cabin aircraft with minimum capacity of 30 seats.

   — *Continuous operation*

   Out of the total number of connections offered on individual routes, no more than 2 % of rotations may be cancelled during the entire period of operation, with the exception of flights cancelled for external reasons, such as the weather, strikes or operational restrictions applied by airports.

   — *Flight schedule and connection structure*

   No more than 30 % of the connections provided under the public service obligation may take the form of connections with a transfer.

   The first flight from Ostrava Leoš Janáček Airport must not depart before 4.30 local time; the last flight must not arrive later than 23.55 local time.

   Two or more codes are permitted on a single flight — code share — for the individual participants.

   Cooperation in the form of an interline agreement with other carriers is not an absolute requirement but is permitted.

   — *Fares*

   The maximum price of a one-way air ticket for the OSR-BRU route must not exceed EUR 200.

   The maximum price of a one-way air ticket includes a one-way fare in economy class without value added tax.

   — The Global Reservation System for air tickets must be applied.