

Amendment by France of public service obligations in respect of scheduled air services between Agen and Paris

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. France has decided to amend the public service obligation, 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 ⁽¹⁾, in respect of scheduled air services between the airports of Agen (La Garenne) and Paris (Orly). These obligations replace those published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 18 of 22.1.2002.

2. The new public service obligation is as follows:

Minimum frequency

The minimum level of service provided, excluding public holidays and four consecutive weeks between 15 July and 10 September, must be:

- two return trips a day, morning and evening, from Monday to Friday inclusive, 225 days a year;
- one return trip on Sunday evening, 45 times a year.

The service must be non-stop between Agen (La Garenne) and Paris (Orly).

Type of aircraft used

The service must be operated with a pressurised turboprop or jet aircraft having a seating capacity of at least 30.

Timetables

The timetables must allow passengers on business trips to make a round trip within the day from Agen (La Garenne) and to spend at least eight hours in Paris.

Flight bookings

Seats on these flights must be marketed using at least one computerised booking system which can be accessed by travel agencies.

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 one year. 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 obligations may result in administrative and/or criminal penalties.

3. Slots are currently reserved at Paris (Orly) airport for the scheduled Paris (Orly) — Agen service pursuant to Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 of 18 January 1993 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports ⁽²⁾. Carriers interested in this route can obtain information on the slots from the Paris airports coordinator.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 240, 24.9.1992, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 14, 22.1.1993, p. 8. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 793/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 138, 30.4.2004, p. 50).