

Amendment by France of public service obligations in respect of scheduled air services within France

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. France has decided to alter the public service obligation in respect of scheduled air services between Castres (Mazamet) and Paris (Orly) published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 21 of 26 January 1999 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.

2. The new public service obligation is as follows:

Minimum frequency

The minimum level of service provided must be two round trips per day, morning and evening, from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, 220 days a year.

Type of aircraft used and capacity provided

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

Timetables

Timetables must be such as to enable passengers on business trips during the working week to make the round trip and to spend at least eight hours at their destination, whether Paris (Orly) or Castres (Mazamet).

Slots have been reserved at Paris (Orly) airport for the scheduled Paris (Orly)–Castres (Mazamet) service pursuant to Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports. Air carriers interested in this route can obtain information about these slots from the Paris airports coordinator.

Flight bookings

Flights must be marketed 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 IATA scheduling season. 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 abovementioned public service obligation may result in administrative and/or criminal penalties.

3. This public service obligation will replace, with effect from 6 May 2002, the public service obligation in respect of scheduled air services between Castres (Mazamet) and Paris (Orly), published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 21 of 26 January 1999.
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