

Communication from the Commission 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

(95/C 227/03)

1. Under the provisions 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 ⁽¹⁾, France has decided to impose public service obligations in respect of the scheduled air services operated between Paris (Orly) and Aurillac.
2. The public service obligations in question are as follows:

Minimum frequency:

- the services must be operated all year round,
- the services must comprise at least two outward and two return journeys daily, morning and evening, from Monday to Friday, except during the month of August,
- the services must be operated without any intermediate landing between Paris (Orly) and Aurillac.

Type of aircraft used:

the services must be operated by a jet or turboprop aircraft having a pressurized cabin with a minimum seating capacity of 19.

Timetables:

the timetables must be such as to enable passengers on business trips during the working week to make an outward and an return journey within the day and to spend at least eight hours at their place of destination, whether Aurillac or Paris.

The following slots (expressed in local time) are currently reserved at Paris (Orly) airport from Monday to Friday inclusive for scheduled flights between Aurillac and Paris (Orly), 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⁾:

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| (i) arrive Orly: | 8.30 |
| depart Orly: | 8.55 |
| (ii) arrive Orly: | 18.55 |
| depart Orly: | 19.40 |

Marketing:

seats on these flights must be marketed by at least one computerized booking system.

Continuity of the service:

- except in cases of *force majeure*, the number of flights cancelled for reasons directly attributable to the carrier must not, in any one IATA scheduling season, exceed 3 % of the number of flights scheduled,
- the carrier must give at least six months' notice before discontinuing these services.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 240, 24. 8. 1992, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 14, 22. 1. 1993, p. 1.