

Noise pollution: noise classification of civil subsonic aircraft, calculation of noise charges

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Out of the 12 amendments proposed by the European Parliament, the Commission can accept 5. The remaining amendments cannot be accepted. As regards the 5 amendments adopted by the European Parliament and accepted by the Commission, these concern : - changes to the title of the Proposal. By deleting the reference to "noise classification" the title of the Proposal reflects more accurately the proposed methodology which is based on a continuous formula and not on a discrete classification of aeroplanes; - the possibility to use different unit noise charges for different times of the day; - postponing the proposed date of 1 April 2003 by one year to 1 April 2004; - confirming that the proposal is fully compatible with relevant ICAO guidelines; - limiting the number of time periods to three compensates for the possible effect of doubling the ratio to 1-40. The amendment establishes also compatibility with the environmental noise Directive 2002/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2002 relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise, which also uses three time periods (day, evening and night).