

Air transport, civil aviation: technical requirements and administrative procedures, EU-OPS Regulation (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91)

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The committee adopted the report by Brian SIMPSON (PES, UK) tabling one long and extremely detailed amendment to the Commission's amended proposal. As the proposal was deemed to constitute a renewed referral to Parliament, the committee's report was adopted as a first reading under the codecision procedure. The amendment concerned the new subpart Q which the Commission had included in the Technical Annex in response to the European Parliament's previously expressed concern about the absence of provisions on flight and duty time limitations and rest requirements. The committee felt, however, that the new subpart, which merely obliges operators to lay down schedules for these three elements of safety in accordance with applicable requirements (which were currently still national and unharmonised), should set out extremely detailed provisions as minimum standards which would be applicable to all. The amendment accordingly covers fully the issue of duty, standby and rest times for both cabin crew and flight crew and restricts the maximum daily flight duty period to 13 hours, or to 11 hours 45 minutes when the duty period is between 22.00hrs and 04.59hrs.