Basic information

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Air transport: rules of competition to undertakings on the lines Community - Third countries **Subject** 3.20.01 Air transport and air freight	

Key players

Council of the European Union	
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Key events

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13/06/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/04/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
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Technical information

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European Parliament

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EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0113/1998 OJ C 095 30.03.1998, p. 0059	28/01/1998	Summary

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1997/0137(CNS) - 28/01/1998 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee welcomes this initiative by the Commission to provide itself with the means necessary to fulfil its task of supervising the rules of competition in the same way as it does in other sectors. The Committee considers the capacity to carry out effective and uniform European-level checks on infringements of competition to be most important as it is only at this level that any influence can be brought to bear in the context of expanding world trade. In line with its earlier opinions, the Committee repeats its call for the application of the rules of competition to be accompanied by social demands. The Committee emphasizes the need to look into questions such as restricting flying time and taking account of safety and quality criteria in air transport, with particular reference to applying minimum training and qualification standards. The Committee reiterates its various proposals on making provision for consultation on socio-economic repercussions, so that the social implications of commercial agreements are taken into account. In order to encourage development in the regions and remote islands, and although reference is made to this in the Amsterdam Treaty, the Committee would welcome the Commission building upon the concept of public interest service in the air transport sector, in accordance with the third package rules, if appropriate under the new Article 7d of the Amsterdam Treaty and its interaction with the existing regulations. Lastly, the Committee favours extending the scope of Directive 3975/87 to all links with third countries as proposed and accompanying this extension of the remit to apply competition rules by correspondingly authorizing the Commission to grant block exemptions for these links, as part of a coherent European Union external policy in this field. Consequently, in the context of future developments, the Commission could receive from the Council a mandate to negotiate on these same links with third countries, in accordance with terms duly defined on the basis of consultations between the Commission, the Member States and the air transport industry.

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1997/0137(CNS) - 16/05/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the application of Community competition rules to air transport between the Community and third countries. SUBSTANCE: the Commission proposes the adoption of two regulations (see also CNS97138) which will allow Community competition rules to be applied to air transport on routes between the Community and third countries. This proposal seeks to amend Regulation 3975/87/EEC on the application of competition rules to air transport undertakings in two ways: - deletion of Article 1(2) which limits the scope to air transport between Community airports. The Commission stresses that Community competition law would apply only if there is an effect on trade between Member States. Such an effect would have to be determined on a case-by-case basis; - addition of an article providing for consultations and, where necessary, negotiations under Council directives in the event of a conflict between Community competition law and the laws, regulations or administrative provisions of third countries or the provisions of air service agreements between Member States and third countries.

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1997/0137(CNS) - 15/05/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Michel SCARBONCHI (ARE, F) Parliament approved the Commission proposal seeking to extend its powers allowing it to apply the rules on competition between the Community and third countries. Parliament called for the regulation to apply to air transport from or to one or more Community airports. It asked to be consulted on any agreement between the Union and a third country before it was presented to the Council for approval. It proposed that where agreements with third countries needed to be negotiated, the Commission should make recommendations to the Council which would authorize the Commission to open the necessary negotiations. The Commission would conduct these negotiations within the framework of such directives as the Council might issue to it. Parliament also stressed the need: - to give priority to a high level of safety when Community rules on competition were applied to this sector; - to consider air transport services as services of general interest especially in the outermost regions where they were vital to guarantee the linkage with the rest of the Community; - not to underestimate, in the light of the changes under way and still to come, the importance of the commercial activities and services offered on board and at airports.