

Basic information

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NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Decision

Preparatory phase in Parliament

EC/Russia Agreement: agreed principles of the modernisation of the existing system of utilisation of the Transsiberian routes

Subject

3.20.15 Transport agreements and cooperation
6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation

Geographical area

Russian Federation

Key players

European
Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism		

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism		
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs		
INTA International Trade		

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2791	2007-03-22
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Mobility and Transport	KALLAS Siim	

Key events			
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European Commission

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EC/Russia Agreement: agreed principles of the modernisation of the existing system of utilisation of the Transsiberian routes

2007/0024(NLE) - 14/02/2007 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude an agreement on the modernisation of the existing system of utilisation of the Transsiberian routes between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Russian Federation, on the other hand.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the Council and the representatives of the governments of the EU Member States meeting within the Council.

BACKGROUND: this draft agreement aims to solve the issue of Siberian overflight payments requested by the Russian Federation from EC carriers for overflights over Russian territory which were

an important stumbling block in EU-Russia relations. The payments are an EU-Russia trade irritant which has to be solved before Russia's accession to WTO.

The agreement will strengthen transport cooperation in the framework of the EU-Russia Common Economic Space. It lays down general principles which will have to be implemented in bilateral air services agreements between Member States and the Russian Federation.

Based on the negotiating directives of the mandate, the text of the agreement was agreed ad referendum at the final negotiating round on 24 November 2006 between Vice-president Barrot and Mr. Levitin, Transport Minister of the Russian Federation, in the margins of the EU-Russia summit in Helsinki.

CONTENT: the agreement contains key principles which must be implemented in the bilateral agreements between Member States and the Russian Federation and includes the following results:

- all payments after 1st January 2014 shall be cost-based, transparent and non-discriminatory between foreign carriers and in line with the Chicago Convention;
- the provisions of bilateral agreements between EU Member States and the Russian Federation requiring prior conclusion of commercial agreements for Transsiberian routes shall be terminated;
- all new frequencies granted by the Russian side during the transition period and beyond shall be free of payments and will not need the prior conclusion of a commercial agreement;
- all frequencies currently leased by EC carriers from Russian carriers will be grandfathered. In return, the Member States will have the choice either of increasing overflight frequencies for the Russian side or agreeing bilaterally with the Russian side on any other means;
- the current level of payments will be reduced in 2010 for certain parts of the payments.

In a separate letter, the Russian Minister Levitin stated the Russia Federation's readiness to increase overflight frequencies for EC carriers in future bilateral negotiations with Member States. The increase of overflight frequencies to Asian destinations will be made taking into account the traffic rights obtained by EU Member States to destinations in the Far East.

Lastly, it should also be noted that bilateral air services agreements will be amended, but will remain in force.

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The Council reached political agreement on a proposal for a Decision on the signature and provisional application of an agreement on agreed principles of the modernisation of the existing system of utilisation of the Transsiberian routes with Russia.

The agreement is to be signed in the margins of the EU-Russia Summit on 18 May 2007. The Decision will be accompanied by an equalisation mechanism set up by Member States aimed at avoiding possible distortion of competition on Transsiberian routes between the Community air carriers during the transitional period, until December 2013. The agreement will apply provisionally from 1 September 2007.