

Basic information	
2007/0111(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EC/USA agreement: cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety Subject 3.20.01.01 Air safety 3.20.15.02 Air transport agreements and cooperation Geographical area United States	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	3073	2011-03-07
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Mobility and Transport	KALLAS Siim	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/06/2007	Legislative proposal published	10972/2007	Summary
02/09/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
03/12/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0468/2008	
13/01/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0001/2009	Summary
13/01/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
07/03/2011	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/03/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/11/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0111(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 100-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/6/65375

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE412.334	13/10/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0468/2008	03/12/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0001/2009	13/01/2009	Summary
Council of the EU				
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Legislative proposal	10972/2007	18/06/2007	Summary	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
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Final act
Decision 2011/0719 OJ L 291 09.11.2011, p. 0001 Summary

EC/USA agreement: cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety

2007/0111(NLE) - 07/03/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an agreement between the European Community and the United States of America regarding cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2011/719/EU concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety.

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated on behalf of the Union an Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety, in accordance with the Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations.

The Agreement was signed on 30 June 2008 on behalf of the Union subject to its possible conclusion at a later date.

It is now appropriate to approve the Agreement on behalf of the EU.

CONTENT: this Decision approves the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The Agreement relates mainly to the reciprocal acceptance of findings on:

- products designed, manufactured, modified, or repaired under the regulatory control of one party to be easily issued the necessary approvals to be registered or operated under the regulatory control of the other party;
- aircraft registered or operated under the regulatory control of one party to be maintained by organisations under the regulatory control of the other party.

The primary objectives are to facilitate trade in goods and services covered by the Agreement, to limit as much as possible the duplication of assessments, tests and controls to significant regulatory differences and **to rely on the certification system of either party to check conformity with the requirements of the other party.**

In order to achieve these objectives, the Agreement:

- will approximate progressively the requirements and regulatory processes of both parties;
- will build confidence in the certification systems of both parties so as to permit all Member States' competent authorities to execute on behalf of the US competent authority, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in a reasonable time frame, the tasks they have to execute for the implementation of the Regulation (EC) N° 1592/2002;
- will allow any party to be satisfied that bodies involved in the regulatory process of the other party, are able to conduct in a satisfactory way conformity assessments and regulatory oversight as necessary to issue its own approvals;
- will enhance cooperation by providing for regular consultations between the parties to ensure that the agreement operates satisfactorily in particular by introducing the appropriate co-operation mechanisms to verify on a reciprocal basis the continued fitness and ability of the regulatory bodies involved in the implementation of the agreement;
- will set up a system of continual monitoring of the functioning of the agreement and in particular of the implementation procedures, which are integral part thereof, and to allow for the agreement to be efficiently managed by a joint committee composed of representatives of both parties, entrusted to find and propose solutions timely to any problem raising from the implementation of the agreement.

The Agreement also sets out:

- procedural arrangements for the participation of the Union in the joint bodies established by the Agreement, as well as for the adoption of certain decisions concerning in particular the amendment of the Agreement and its Annexes, the addition of new annexes, the termination of individual annexes, consultations and dispute resolution and the adoption of safeguard measures;
- the principle that Member States should take the necessary measures in order to ensure that their bilateral agreements with the United States on the same subject are either amended or terminated, as appropriate, as of the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 07/03/2011.

EC/USA agreement: cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety

2007/0111(NLE) - 13/01/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 421 votes to 4 with 24 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety.

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Paolo **COSTA** (EPP-ED, PT) on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism.

EC/USA agreement: cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety

2007/0111(NLE) - 18/06/2007 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to sign an Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: on 24 November 2003, the Commission requested the authorisation from the Council to conduct negotiations with the United States of America on the reciprocal acceptance of certification findings in the field of civil aviation safety and environmental compatibility. The Council granted that authorisation on 9 March 2004 and instructed the Commission to carry out these negotiations in accordance with a set of negotiating directives and appointed a special committee to assist it in this task.

The authorisation granted to the Commission envisaged an agreement on the reciprocal acceptance of findings focusing mainly on two aspects:

- I. products designed, manufactured, modified, or repaired under the regulatory control of one party to be easily issued the necessary approvals to be registered or operated under the regulatory control of the other party;
- II. aircraft registered or operated under the regulatory control of one party to be maintained by organisations under the regulatory control of the other party.

The primary objectives of the negotiating directives were to facilitate trade in goods and services covered by the agreement, to limit as much as possible the duplication of assessments, tests and controls to significant regulatory differences and to rely on the certification system of either party to check conformity with the requirements of the other party.

In order to achieve these objectives the negotiating directives identified the following means:

- to approximate progressively the requirements and regulatory processes of both parties;
- to build confidence in the certification systems of both parties so as to permit all Member States' competent authorities to execute on behalf of the US competent authority, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in a reasonable time frame, the tasks they have to execute for the implementation of the Regulation (EC) N° 1592/2002;
- to allow any party to be satisfied that bodies involved in the regulatory process of the other party, are able to conduct in a satisfactory way conformity assessments and regulatory oversight as necessary to issue its own approvals;
- to enhance cooperation by providing for regular consultations between the parties to ensure that the agreement operates satisfactorily in particular by introducing the appropriate co-operation mechanisms to verify on a reciprocal basis the continued fitness and ability of the regulatory bodies involved in the implementation of the agreement;
- to set up a system of continual monitoring of the functioning of the agreement and in particular of the implementation procedures, which are integral part thereof, and to allow for the agreement to be efficiently managed by a joint committee composed of representatives of both parties, entrusted to find and propose solutions timely to any problem raising from the implementation of the agreement.