



Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2001/0237(COD) Procedure completed
Single European Sky: interoperability of the European traffic management network	
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Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	DELE EP Delegation to Conciliation Committee		11/07/2003	
		ELDR SANDERS-TEN HOLTE Maria Johanna (Marieke)		
	Former committee responsible			
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		20/11/2001	
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Former committee for opinion				
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market			06/11/2001	
	PPE-DE RIPOLL Y MARTÍNEZ DE BEDOYA Carlos			
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2525	22/09/2003	
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2494	17/03/2003	
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2472	05/12/2002	
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2452	03/10/2002	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		
	Energy and Transport			



Key events			
25/10/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
10/07/2002	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st		

10/07/2002	reading	A5-0266/2002	
03/09/2002	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0394/2002	Summary
03/10/2002	Debate in Council	2452	
27/03/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
12/06/2003	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
02/07/2003	Debate in Parliament		
03/07/2003	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0327/2003	Summary
22/09/2003	Parliament's amendments rejected by Council		
14/10/2003	Formal meeting of Conciliation Committee		
28/01/2004	Debate in Parliament		
29/01/2004	Decision by Parliament, 3rd reading	T5-0044/2004	Summary
02/02/2004	Decision by Council, 3rd reading		
10/03/2004	Final act signed		
10/03/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		
09/12/2004	Final decision by Conciliation Committee		Summary

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2001)0564	10/10/2001	EC	Summary
Committee opinion		PE312.744/DEF	06/03/2002	EP	
Committee opinion		PE312.753/DEF	13/03/2002	EP	
Committee draft report		PE314.697	11/04/2002	EP	
Committee of the Regions: opinion		CDR0004/2002 OJ C 278 14.11.2002, p. 0013	15/05/2002	CofR	

Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0266/2002	10/07/2002	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0839/2002 OJ C 241 07.10.2002, p. 0024	17/07/2002	ESC	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0394/2002 OJ C 272 13.11.2003, p. 0030-0325 E	03/09/2002	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(2002)0658	26/11/2002	EC	Summary
Council statement on its position		07251/2003	11/03/2003	CSL	
Council position		15854/3/2002 OJ C 129 03.06.2003, p. 0026-0041 E	18/03/2003	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position		SEC(2003)0363	25/03/2003	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE314.785	13/05/2003	EP	
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A5-0225/2003	12/06/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T5-0327/2003 OJ C 074 24.03.2004, p. 0667-0782 E	03/07/2003	EP	Summary
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading		COM(2003)0514	27/08/2003	EC	Summary
Report tabled for plenary by Parliament delegation to Conciliation Committee, 3rd reading		A5-0009/2004	09/12/2003	EP	
Joint text approved by Conciliation Committee co-chairs		3693/2003	11/12/2003	CSL/EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 3rd reading		T5-0044/2004 OJ C 096 21.04.2004, p. 0019-0103 E	29/01/2004	EP	Summary
Implementing legislative act		32006R1032 OJ L 186 07.07.2006, p. 0027-0045	06/07/2006	EU	

Additional information

European Commission

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Final act

[Regulation 2004/552](#)

[OJ L 096 31.03.2004, p. 0026-0042](#) Summary

Single European Sky: interoperability of the European traffic management network

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a regulation on the interoperability of the European Air Traffic management network. **CONTENT** : the objective of this proposal for a regulation is to achieve interoperability within Community territory between the different systems and constituents of the air traffic management network, and make use of the possibilities offered by new technologies. The Community has decision-making mechanisms allowing for harmonisation and standardisation at European level. To achieve this, the Commission proposes a text enshrining the principle of standardisation in the field of air traffic management, on its own initiative (subject to compliance with international commitments already given). The objective is to put in place an instrument which will be effective and comprehensive. But it must also be rapid and flexible to allow harmonised Europe-wide definition and implementation of the technical regulations necessary. The proposes regulatory framework approach foresees three different levels: - the adoption of essential requirements and specific requirements for all

stakeholders engaged in the development, production and operation systems; - establishment of implementation rules to enforce these requirements. The objective of this level is to secure compliance with operational and technical developments when this is required by their cross-border nature and therefore the need for integrated operations. The implementation of rules may in particular impose on the new operators concerned a target date for the entry into force of new concepts or technological advances; - drafting of European standards and/or EUROCONTROL technical specifications representing the lower level of the regulatory process and implying the consensual agreement of stakeholders on standards of voluntary application. Procedures to elaborate the above mentioned requirements and standards must reflect their mandatory or voluntary nature. Therefore, the Commission proposes that the implementation rules are established on the basis of the work carried out by EUROCONTROL. With regard to European standards, they are established by consensus, subject to the public inquiry and approved by recognised European Standardisation Organisation, in collaboration with Eurocae, the European Organisation for Civil Aviation Equipment. These standards will have to be taken over unchanged in the national standards. At product level, manufacturers are required to make a declaration of conformity with essential requirements. The conformity to essential requirements with additional certification by the authorities. To be able to make this declaration or depart from the standards, manufacturers will have to submit a dossier to a notified body which will certify conformity of the product with the essential requirements. This approach will allow the free circulation of products within the EU and create the conditions for a genuinely competitive environment among manufacturers. It is important that the Community airspace should enjoy the benefit of the solutions which are best both technically and commercially and which are best suited to airspace users and passengers. To this end, the Commission proposes that: - the financial aid procedures for the Trans-European networks programme and the fifth programme for research and development (1998-2002) should be optimised. A framework should be provided for projects of common interest through the new programme for research and technological development (2003-2006) under which aeronautical research is a priority.?

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The committee adopted the report by Marieke SANDERS-TEN HOLTE (ELDR, NL) broadly approving the proposal under the codecision procedure (1st reading), subject to a number of amendments. These focused on the question of safety, calling for high levels of safety to be maintained where user charges are introduced, for reviews of the air navigation system in future to give due regard to safety levels and for safety levels to be explicitly considered where authorisations are granted to service providers. The report said that such authorisations should be granted for a minimum of five years and a maximum of ten years. The committee also wanted to introduce a procedure of referral to the Commission so as to help ensure the uniform application of the regulation. Another amendment sought to include Air Traffic Management (ATM) personnel as well as controllers in the new proposal to be drawn up by the Commission on the mobility of air traffic controllers, and called for the mutual recognition of licences. The report further stressed the need for enhanced cooperation between civil and military air traffic services. Other points raised by the committee included the need to ensure that operational data were used only for operational purposes to prevent any misuse of data, a call for Eurocontrol's expertise to be brought to bear on the charging system and the need to ensure that, in monopoly situations, charges and conditions were set by national supervisory authorities after consulting airspace users, with due regard to best practice, in order to find a balance between the various interests. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the report by Marieke SANDERS-TEN HOLTE (ELDR/NL) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 10/07/02.) Parliament called for the European Aviation Safety Agency to have a leading role in coordinating interoperability measures. The safety aspects of the design, building and maintenance of surveillance data, communications systems and navigation systems were emphasised.?

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The Commission accepted those amendments made by the Parliament which reinforce reference to safety and the need for consultation of interested parties. It accepts the following in principle: - the principle of consultation of industry in a recital, but not the establishment of an industry advisory group; - the need for the systematic analysis of incidents. The Commission rejects certain amendments, including: - the reference to the European Aviation Safety Agency; - the involvement of system users in the definition of systems. Some users, such as controllers, should not contribute to all the phases of the development process.?

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The Council accepted 8 amendments proposed by the European Parliament, these are as follows. The common position introduced more detailed provisions concerning transitional arrangements. This aimed to safeguard investments made by Member States in the period before the entry into force of the regulation. From the point of view of the form, the common position reduces the number of articles. The provisions of chapter II and III of the Commission's proposals were merged under a single chapter. As in the case of the other specific regulations, the Council considered that the issue of consultation of stakeholders was of horizontal nature and, as such, more appropriate to be dealt with in the framework regulation. The Council made no substantial changes to the text as submitted by the Commission. However, it reshuffled the text considerably in order to make it easier to understand. The Council inserted more detailed provisions concerning transitional arrangements with a view to protecting the investments made by Member States in the period before the entry into force of the Regulation. Like in the other specific Regulations, the Council felt that the consultation of stakeholders was an issue of a horizontal nature, which should be dealt with in the framework Regulation. To be noted finally that annexes I and II to the Regulation have been revised by an ad hoc experts group, which refined the relevant texts. The Council considers that the texts of its common position on the Single European Sky package are appropriate and balanced. With respect to the amendments submitted by the European Parliament in first reading, the Council observes that the large majority of these amendments are, as to their aim and spirit, very similar to the corresponding provisions of the Council's common position. Therefore, the Council holds the opinion that the texts of its common position ensure by and large that the aim sought by these amendments is achieved.

Finally, the Council would like to underline that the agreement that it has reached in respect of civil-military cooperation, which in its present form is acceptable to all relevant parties in the Member States, constitutes the fruit of much and hard work with respect to this very delicate issue.?

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The Council made no substantial changes relative to the Commission's proposal. Thus the Commission can fully support the common position with regard to this Regulation.?

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The committee adopted the report by Marieke SANDERS-TEN HOLTE (ELDR, NL) amending the Council's common position under the 2nd reading of the codecision procedure. It reinstated key amendments from 1st reading, as follows: - arrangements should be made to overcome the lack of controllers and air traffic management personnel (ATM personnel) through harmonised Community procedures; there should also be mutual recognition of licences; the Commission should monitor the development of recruitment programmes by the Member States and provide support where necessary; - authorisations for air navigation service providers should be granted for a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 10 years. The committee also stipulated that cross-subsidisation of different air navigation services shall be permitted "only in exceptional cases" and in that event must be clearly identified. Lastly, it deleted the new provision introduced by the Council which would have delayed the entry into force of the provisions relating to certification and the designation of service providers.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Marieke SANDERS-TEN HOLTE (ELDR, NL) accepting the council's common position subject to one amendment on dates. (Please see the summary of 12/06/03).?

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The European Parliament adopted at second reading one amendment to the Common Position of the Council. The Commission can accept this amendment in part. This amendment constitutes an improvement since it requires speeding up the process of conformity of all systems with the essential requirements. The amendment rejected by the Commission concerns the application of essential requirements requiring a transitional period during which implementing rules and Community specifications will have to be established.?

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The European Parliament voted to approve the joint text agreed by the Conciliation Committee. (Please see the summary of 09/12/03).?

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PURPOSE : to achieve interoperability within Community territory between the different systems and constituents of the air traffic management network, and make use of the possibilities offered by new technologies. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Regulation 552/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the European Air Traffic Management network ("the interoperability Regulation"). CONTENT : the Council adopted, by written procedure, the package of four Regulations aimed at creating a "Single European Sky" in accordance with the joint text agreed by the Conciliation Committee, introducing common rules on the use of airspace throughout the Community in order to reduce air delays and airspace congestion. The "Single European Sky" package contains a framework Regulation and three implementing Regulations covering air navigation service provision, organisation and use of airspace and interoperability within the European air transport management network. These legislative proposals aims, in particular, at improving and reinforcing safety, and at restructuring airspace as a function of traffic flow rather than according to national boundaries. The interoperability Regulation has a double objective. It aims to achieve interoperability between the different systems, constituents and associated procedures of the European air traffic management network, and to promote the introduction of new agreed and validated concepts of operations and technology in air traffic management. An agreement was reached on the date of the transitional arrangements for putting into service the systems and constituents of the European Air Traffic Management Network. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/04/2004.?

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The Conciliation Committee reached agreement on the one outstanding point of issue concerning the regulation on the interoperability of the traffic management network in the Single European Sky, namely, the timetable for compliance of new and existing systems and constituents with the essential requirements. Although Parliament had wanted the process of conformity of all systems to be speeded up, in the end it agreed to accept the Council's proposal that the requirements should apply to new systems and constituents 18 months after the regulation's entry into force and to existing systems and constituents 7 years after the regulation's entry into force. ?

