


# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Air transport: slots at Community airports and competition (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 95/93)	
Subject 2.60 Competition 3.20.01 Air transport and air freight	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	<b>RETT</b> Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		12/06/2003	
		ELDR <a href="#">CAVERI Luciano</a>		
	Former committee responsible			
	<b>RETT</b> Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		11/09/2001	
		PSE <a href="#">STOCKMANN Ulrich</a>		
Council of the European Union	Former committee for opinion			
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs		09/10/2001	
		ELDR <a href="#">RIIS-JØRGENSEN Karin</a>		
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">2520</a>	15/07/2003	
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">2515</a>	05/06/2003	
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">2364</a>	27/06/2001	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		
	Energy and Transport			

Key events			
20/06/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0335	
27/06/2001	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2364</a>	
03/09/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/05/2002	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary

22/05/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A5-0186/2002</a>	
10/06/2002	Debate in Parliament		
11/06/2002	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0293/2002</a>	
07/11/2002	Modified legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2002)0623</a>	
24/04/2003	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
24/04/2003	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	<a href="#">COM(2003)0207</a>	
05/06/2003	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2515</a>	Summary
12/06/2003	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
12/06/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	<a href="#">A5-0222/2003</a>	
19/06/2003	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0276/2003</a>	Summary
15/07/2003	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
22/07/2003	Final act signed		
22/07/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/09/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0140A(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RETT/5/14896; RETT/5/19629

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2001)0335</a> <a href="#">OJ C 270 25.09.2001, p. 0131 E</a>	20/06/2001	EC	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0346/2002</a> <a href="#">OJ C 125 27.05.2002, p. 0008</a>	20/03/2002	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0186/2002</a>	22/05/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0293/2002</a> <a href="#">OJ C 261 30.10.2003, p. 0030-0116 E</a>	11/06/2002	EP	
Modified legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2002)0623</a>	07/11/2002	EC	
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation	<a href="#">COM(2003)0207</a>	24/04/2003	EC	
Committee final report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	<a href="#">A5-0222/2003</a>	12/06/2003	EP	

Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0754/2003</a> <a href="#">OJ C 220 16.09.2003, p. 0071</a>	18/06/2003	ESC	
Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation	<a href="#">T5-0276/2003</a>	19/06/2003	EP	Summary

#### Additional information

European Commission

[EUR-Lex](#)

#### Final act

[Regulation 2003/1554](#)

[OJ L 221 04.09.2003, p. 0001-0001](#) Summary

## Air transport: slots at Community airports and competition (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 95/93)

The committee adopted the report by Ulrich STOCKMANN (PES, D) broadly approving the proposal, subject to a number of amendments (codecision procedure, 1st reading). The amendments were designed to tighten up the wording of the proposal, strengthen the coordinator's powers and independence, preserve flexibility and planning certainty for carriers (for example, by broadening the range of exemptions to the 'use-it-or-lose-it' rule to allow for events such as those of 11 September 2001), clarify and strengthen Member States' discretionary powers in transport and environment policy and promote flexibility and market-access opportunities for new entrants. ?

## Air transport: slots at Community airports and competition (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 95/93)

The Council adopted a general approach, pending the European Parliament's opinion in first reading, on a draft Regulation aimed at relaxing temporarily the rules on the allocation of slots at Community airports so as to enable airlines to deal with a drop in demand created by the war in Iraq and the SARS virus. Once the Parliament's opinion has been received, the Council should be able to rapidly reach a broad agreement on this matter at a forthcoming meeting. The Spanish delegation expressed its intention to vote against the Council's agreement at the moment of adoption and the Danish and Swedish delegations expressed their intention to abstain. The draft Regulation is one of the measures announced by the Commission at the Council's session on 27 and 28 March. However, the text approved by the Council, dealing solely with the temporary suspension of the "use it or leave it" principle, has been dealt with separately from a more general proposal on the use of slots which is still under examination within the Council.?

## Air transport: slots at Community airports and competition (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 95/93)

The committee unanimously adopted the report by its chairman, Luciano CAVERI (ELDR, I), approving the Commission's new proposal at 1st reading (codecision procedure). MEPs accepted the Commission's argument that the war in Iraq and SARS had had a major impact on air services to the regions affected as well as within the EU, and therefore proposed that the legislation should be speeded up by using a simplified procedure within Parliament, to ensure that air carriers can plan their slot capacity for 2004 as soon as possible. ?

## Air transport: slots at Community airports and competition (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 95/93)

The European Parliament adopted a resolution using a simplified procedure and approved the Commission proposal as a proposal in its own right. The report was drafted by Luciano CAVERI (ELDR, Italy.) (Please refer to the document dated 12/06/03). Parliament asked the Commission and the Council to deal with the amendments to Regulation 95/93/EC, and with those contained in the proposal amending the amended proposal in two separate regulations.?

## Air transport: slots at Community airports and competition (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 95/93)

PURPOSE : to allocated slots at Community airports. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Regulation 1554/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation 95/93/EEC on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports. CONTENT : the war launched in March 2003 against Iraq and the political developments that followed, as well as the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), have seriously affected the air transport operations of air carriers and have triggered a significant reduction in demand in the beginning of the summer 2003 scheduling season. In order to make sure that the non-utilisation of slots allocated for the 2003 season does not cause air carriers to lose their entitlement to those slots, it is necessary to provide clearly and unambiguously that the 2003 and 2004 scheduling seasons are adversely affected by the war and the SARS outbreak. As a consequence, the Council, with the Spanish delegation voting against and the Danish and Swedish abstaining, adopted the Regulation amending Council Regulation 95/93/EEC on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports. This amendment will enable airlines to deal with a drop in demand created by the war in Iraq and the SARS virus. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 05/09/2003.?

