



# Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	<a href="#">2008/2266(DEC)</a>	Procedure completed
2007 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control		26/03/2008
		PPE-DE <a href="#">FJELLNER Christofer</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism		07/10/2008
		Verts/ALE <a href="#">CRAMER Michael</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2922</a>	10/02/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Budget</a>	KALLAS Siim	

Key events			
23/07/2008	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">SEC(2008)2359</a>	Summary
20/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
20/03/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A6-0163/2009</a>	
21/04/2009	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0267/2009</a>	Summary
23/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/09/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/2266(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 100
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/6/67281

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2008)2359	23/07/2008	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N6-0004/2009 <a href="#">OJ C 311 05.12.2008, p. 0001</a>	05/12/2008	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">05588/2009</a>	23/01/2009	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE416.337</a>	29/01/2009	EP	
Committee opinion	TRAN	<a href="#">PE416.340</a>	18/02/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A6-0163/2009</a>	20/03/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T6-0267/2009</a>	23/04/2009	EP	Summary

Final act	
<a href="#">Budget 2009/647</a> <a href="#">OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0122</a>	Summary

## 2007 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

**PURPOSE:** to present the final accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2007.

**CONTENT:** this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the European Aviation Safety Agency's budget for the financial year 2007. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 72 million, including EUR 55.8 million of revenue from fees and charges (65%), EUR 26.5 million from Community subsidy (31%) as well as a contribution from the Federal Republic of Germany (Ministry of Transport) and City of Cologne of EUR 300 000.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is now based in Cologne (Germany), set out a total of 467 temporary members of staff in the establishment plan. 333 of these posts are currently occupied with 29 other posts (seconded national experts, contract and auxiliary staff) totalling 362 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

In 2007, the Agency's main activities focused on the following:

Opinions: 5 opinions concerning amendments to Regulations (EC) No 1592/2002, (EC) No 1702/2003 and (EC) No 2042/2003;

Rulemaking decisions: 17 amendments of certification: Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material ;

International cooperation:

- 7 Working Arrangements with China, New Zealand and Albania;
- Amendments to Working Arrangements with Interstate Aviation Committee (USA) and JCAB (Japan);
- Memorandum of Understanding with COCESNA/ACSA.

Certification decisions:

- Type certificates: 29;
- Supplementary type certificates: 879;
- Airworthiness directives: 380;
- European technical specifications: 198;
- Acceptable means of compliance: 87;
- Major changes: 1 193;
- Minor changes: 2 655;
- Major repairs: 245;
- Minor repairs: 156;
- Aircraft flight manual (AFM): 430;
- Approval of flight conditions (PTF): 508;
- Approval of design organisations: 429;
- Approval of maintenance organisations (bilateral): 1 380;
- Approval of maintenance organisations (foreign): 224;
- Approval of maintenance training organisations: 24;
- Approval of manufacturing organisations: 16;
- Standardisation inspections (number of countries by type) at 31 December 2007;
- In the field of maintenance (MAST): 28;
- In the field of production (POAST): 12.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address:

## 2007 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report drawn up by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Aviation Safety Agency, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of the Agency's accounts.

However, they make a number of recommendations as part of the decision on discharge. In addition to the general recommendations appearing in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2008/2207\(INI\)](#)), MEPs make the following observations:

- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) identified anomalies in the Agency's 2007 establishment plan;
- the Agency states that the reduction of staff was due to the fact that during the first two years of implementation of its fees and charges regulation, revenue was insufficient to cover forecasted costs;
- the imbalance between costs and revenue highlighted in the previous discharge resolution triggered a need to reduce the planned number of staff by 25%, from 467 to a maximum of 342.

In this context, MEPs expect the Agency to explain how far a balance between costs and revenue in relation to certification activities could be achieved through implementation of the new fees and charges regulation, which entered into force on 1 June 2007.

Moreover, MEPs fully support the ECA's recommendation that the Agency carefully check the consistency of its expenditure forecasts.

MEPs note that the ECA and the Agency disagree over the calculation of an amount of EUR 14.9 million in assigned revenue received by the Agency in 2007 to cover future certification costs. Moreover, MEPs note the ECA's criticism of several audited procurement procedures (lack of transparency, in particular). MEPs therefore call on the Agency to stick to the promise given in its replies to comply strictly with the procurement rules and to pay particular attention to the provision of clear information to potential bidders. Lastly, they call on the Commission to ensure that the Agency maintains strict financial discipline in the future and always works within the agreed budgets.

## 2007 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

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**PURPOSE:** to grant discharge to the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2007.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Decision 2009/647/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2007.

**CONTENT:** with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2007.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 23 April 2009 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 23/04/2009). The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

## 2007 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

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The European Parliament adopted by 582 votes to 32, with 21 abstentions, a decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2007. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

Furthermore, the Parliament adopted a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The Parliament notes anomalies in the Agency's 2007 establishment as well as the imbalance between costs and revenue highlighted in the previous discharge resolution, which triggered a need to reduce the planned number of staff by 25%, from 467 to a maximum of 342. In this context, the Parliament expects the Agency to provide information on how far a balance between costs and revenue in relation to certification activities could be achieved through implementation of the new fees and charges regulation.

Furthermore, the Parliament firmly supports the European Court of Auditors' (ECA) recommendation that the Agency carefully check the consistency of its expenditure forecasts. It notes that the ECA and the Agency disagree over the calculation of an amount of EUR 14.9 million in assigned revenue received by the Agency in 2007 to cover future certification costs, as well as criticism regarding procurement procedures (in particular, a lack of transparency). The Parliament therefore calls on the Agency to stick to the promise given in its replies to comply strictly with the procurement rules and to pay particular attention to the provision of clear information to potential bidders.

Moreover, the Parliament calls on the Commission to ensure that the Agency maintains strict financial discipline in the future and always works within the agreed budgets.

Lastly, noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, the Parliament approves the closure of the Agency's accounts and refers, for other observations accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies - see [2008/2207\(INI\)](#) - adopted in parallel.