



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2122(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		01/10/2009
		PPE MATHIEU HOUILLON Véronique	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D STAVRAKAKIS Georgios	
		ALDE GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan	
		Verts/ALE STAES Bart	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		12/11/2009
		ALDE JENSEN Anne E.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2994	16/02/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	ŠEMETA Algirdas	

Key events			
23/07/2009	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2009)1089	Summary
07/10/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
25/03/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0068/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0102/2010	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

Procedure reference	2009/2122(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01112

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2009)1089	23/07/2009	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N7-0012/2010 OJ C 304 15.12.2009, p. 0001	08/10/2009	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		N7-0036/2009 OJ C 269 10.11.2009, p. 0001	10/11/2009	CofA	
Document attached to the procedure		05827/2010	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE430.468	02/02/2010	EP	
Committee opinion	TRAN	PE429.665	23/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE439.364	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0068/2010	25/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0102/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2010/516](#)
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0136](#) Summary

2008 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the European Aviation Safety Agency's budget for the financial year 2008. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 100.9 million, including EUR 67.2 million of revenue from fees and charges (67%), EUR 30 million from Community subsidy (30%) as well as a contribution from EFTA and Switzerland of EUR 1.4 million.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is now based in Cologne (Germany), set out a total of 452 temporary members of staff in the establishment plan. 403 of these posts are currently occupied with 39 other posts (seconded national experts, special advisor contract and auxiliary staff).

In 2008, the Agency's main activities focused on the following:

Opinions: 6 Opinions for amendments to Regulations (EC) No 216/2008, (EC) No 1702/2003 and (EC) No 2042/2003.

Rulemaking Decisions: 11 Decisions related to certification: Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material.

International Cooperation

- 18 Working Arrangements with Administration of Civil Aviation of China, General Authority of Civil Aviation of Saudi Arabia, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore and the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
- 1 Modification to the Working Arrangement between Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau and EASA.
- 2 Implementing Procedures to the Working Arrangement between Interstate Aviation Committee and EASA.
- 1 Implementing Procedure to the Working Arrangement between the General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates and EASA.
- 1 Memorandum of Understanding with Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan.

Certification decisions at 31 December 2008

- Type Certificates: 8
- Supplemental type certificates: 764
- Airworthiness directives: 216

- Alternative Method of Compliance: 84
- European Technical Standard Order Authorisation: 281
- Major changes: 932
- Minor changes: 2 241
- Major repairs: 82
- Minor repairs: 148
- Aircraft flight manual: 468
- Approval of flight conditions: 296
- Approval of Design organisations: 509
- Approval of Maintenance organisations (bilateral): 1 372
- Approval of Maintenance organisations (foreign): 233
- Approval of Maintenance training organisations: 28
- Approval of Manufacturing: 20

Standardisation inspections (number of countries by type) at 31 December 2008

- In the field of Maintenance (CAW): 27
- In the field of Production (IAW): 12

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: <http://www.easa.europa.eu>

2008 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) 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 2008.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 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 that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies \(see 2010/2007\(INI\)\):](#)

- performance: Members stress how important it is for the Agency to set objectives and indicators in its programming so as to assess its achievements. They call on the Agency to consider making a Gantt diagram part of the programming for each of its operational activities, with a view to indicating the amount of time spent by each staff member on a project and encouraging an approach geared towards achieving results. They also call on it to set out a comparison of operations carried out during the year for which discharge is to be granted and in the previous financial year so as to enable the discharge authority to assess its performance from one year to the next more effectively;
- fees and charges Regulation: noting that 2008 was the first full year of implementation of certification tasks for the fees and charges levied by the Agency, Members call on it to establish a monitoring system at the level of certification projects to make sure that, over the entire project duration, the fees levied do not deviate significantly from the actual cost. They regret that, in 2008, the system of annual flat fees generated income which was significantly above the actual costs of the services rendered. They therefore call upon the Agency to put forward, as a matter of urgency, a detailed plan to guarantee that this does not recur in future years;
- carryover of appropriations: Members draw attention to the fact that the Agency carried forward to 2009 a high level of appropriations for operating expenditure (more than EUR 53 million, which is 79% of the operating appropriations). They stress also that this situation reveals weaknesses in the enterprise resource planning system and therefore call for much more realistic forecasts to be presented to the Commission and Parliament. They note that the Agency maintained very high cash reserves (amounting to EUR 57.245 million) and call for the level of these cash holdings to be kept as low as possible. They note that, furthermore, 15% of staff-related expenditure was transferred to operating expenditure, which indicates unrealistic planning;
- other improvements to be made by the Agency: Members call specifically on the Agency to improve its recruitment planning so as to be more realistic and to put an end to the shortcomings affecting the establishment of the budget and the monitoring of the enterprise resource planning system;
- internal audit: lastly, Members call on the Agency to implement the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) in order to tackle, in particular, the problems of budgetary uncertainty.

2008 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/516/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2008.

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 2008.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 5 May 2010 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 5 May 2010).

A parallel Decision, adopted on the same day, approves the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

2008 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency EASA

The European Parliament adopted by 558 votes to 25, with 56 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008.

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

The main points are as follows:

- performance: Parliament stresses how important it is for the Agency to set objectives and indicators in its programming so as to assess its achievements. It calls on the Agency to consider making a Gantt diagram part of the programming for each of its operational activities, with a view to indicating the amount of time spent by each staff member on a project and encouraging an approach geared towards achieving results. It also calls on it to set out a comparison of operations carried out during the year for which discharge is to be granted and in the previous financial year so as to enable the discharge authority to assess its performance from one year to the next more effectively;
- fees and charges Regulation: noting that 2008 was the first full year of implementation of certification tasks for the fees and charges levied by the Agency, Parliament calls on it to establish a monitoring system at the level of certification projects to make sure that, over the entire project duration, the fees levied do not deviate significantly from the actual cost. It regrets that, in 2008, the system of annual flat fees generated income which was significantly above the actual costs of the services rendered. It therefore calls upon the Agency to put forward, as a matter of urgency, a detailed plan to guarantee that this does not recur in future years;
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- internal audit: lastly, Parliament calls on the Agency to implement the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) in order to tackle, in particular, the problems of budgetary uncertainty.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament approves the closure of the Centre's accounts. However, it makes a number of recommendations that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2010/2007\(INI\)](#) adopted in parallel).