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| Basic information | |
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| COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation | 2016/0411(COD) Procedure completed |
| Operation of air services in the Community: technical adaptation Amending Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 | 2006/0130(COD) |
| Subject 3.20.01 Air transport and air freight | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| |  TRAN | Transport and Tourism | 27/03/2017 |
| | |  APARDEL Claudia | |
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| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 3661 | 06/12/2018 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | Commissioner | |
| | Mobility and Transport | BULC Violeta | |
| European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions | | | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 21/12/2016 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2016)0818 | Summary |

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| 19/01/2017 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 25/04/2018 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | |
| 27/04/2018 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A8-0150/2018 | Summary |
| 24/05/2018 | Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee | | |
| 28/05/2018 | Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71) | | |
| 30/05/2018 | Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71) | | |
| 22/11/2018 | Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations | PE630.476 GEDA/A/(2018)008777 | |
| 29/11/2018 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 29/11/2018 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | T8-0473/2018 | Summary |
| 06/12/2018 | Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading | | |
| 11/12/2018 | Final act signed | | |
| 11/12/2018 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 14/01/2019 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

Technical information

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| Procedure reference | 2016/0411(COD) |
| Procedure type | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Regulation |
| | Amending Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 2006/0130(COD) |
| Legal basis | Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2 |
| Mandatory consultation of other institutions | European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | TRAN/8/08880 |

Documentation gateway

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| Legislative proposal | COM(2016)0818 | 21/12/2016 | EC | Summary |
| Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES2104/2017 | 05/07/2017 | ESC | |
| Committee draft report | PE606.192 | 26/01/2018 | EP | |
| Amendments tabled in committee | PE618.315 | 04/04/2018 | EP | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st | A8-0150/2018 | 27/04/2018 | EP | Summary |

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| reading/single reading | | | | | |
| Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement | | GEDA/A/(2018)008777 | 23/10/2018 | CSL | |
| Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations | | PE630.476 | 12/11/2018 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T8-0473/2018 | 29/11/2018 | EP | Summary |
| Draft final act | | 00061/2018/LEX | 11/12/2018 | CSL | |
| Commission response to text adopted in plenary | | SP(2018)838 | 19/12/2018 | EC | |

Final act

[Regulation 2019/2](#)
[OJ L 011 14.01.2019, p. 0001](#) Summary

Operation of air services in the Community: technical adaptation

PURPOSE: to ensure the legal consistency between Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community and an international agreement.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Article 13 of [Regulation 1008/2008](#) defines the conditions under which lease arrangements of aircraft registered in third countries, especially wet-lease, are allowed. The possibilities are exceptional circumstances, such as a lack of adequate aircraft on the Community market, and they should be strictly limited in time and fulfil safety standards equivalent to the safety rules of Community and national legislation.

An [Air Transport Agreement](#) (ATA) between the EU and United States was signed in 2007 and amended by a [Protocol](#) of 24 June 2010. Accordingly, the ATA foresees an open wet-lease regime between the parties.

In order to bring clarity and certainty to the air carriers, the Commission has recommended the Council to authorise it to negotiate a specific wet-lease agreement with the US, aiming at lifting the time restrictions.

The present proposal aims to adapt the EU regulation accordingly.

CONTENT: the proposal aims to introduce a possibility for derogation from the conditions on wet-leasing set out in Article 13(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 through the conclusion of international agreements.

This would allow for more flexibility, in so far as the conclusion of such agreements presents economic and social advantages for the EU.

The changes proposed add a reference to international agreements to Article 13(3)(b) of the Regulation where conditions to allow wet leasing (extraordinary circumstances, seasonal needs, operational difficulties) are set out.

The other provisions of Article 13 (e.g. on safety standards and rights of the competent authority) would remain unchanged.

Operation of air services in the Community: technical adaptation

The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Claudia APARDEL (S&D, RO) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community.

The committee recommended that European Parliaments position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal.

The Commission proposed to amend Art.13(3)(b) of Regulation N°1008/2008 and opening the possibility to lift the restrictive conditions applying to wet-lease agreements for aircraft registered in a third country when a specific wet-lease regime has been included in an international agreement concluded by the Union.

Parliament proposed for its part to grant the possibility to derogate from the restrictive conditions applicable to wet lease agreements for aircraft registered in a third country, where an international agreement on wet-leasing signed by the Union, on the basis of an existing Air Transport Agreement signed before 1 January 2008 provides for a specific wet-lease regime.

The amended text specified that in view of a possible revision of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008, the proposed amendment should be limited in scope to aligning the Regulation with the international obligations.

Operation of air services in the Community: technical adaptation

The European Parliament adopted by 488 votes to 85, with 62 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community.

Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 includes provisions allowing lease agreements for aircraft registered in third countries, in particular wet lease agreements. The purpose of the proposal is to provide for the possibility of derogating from the conditions for wet-leasing set out in Article 13(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 by concluding international agreements.

The position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure provides for the possibility of derogating from the restrictive conditions applicable to wet lease contracts for aircraft registered in a third country, where an international wet lease agreement signed by the Union, on the basis of an air transport agreement in force signed before 1 January 2008, provides for a specific wet lease regime.

The amended text specifies that, with a view to a possible revision of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008, the proposed amendment should be limited to the harmonisation of the Regulation with relevant international obligations.

The international agreement on wet-leasing should include reciprocal rights and obligations for both parties and should be based on an existing air transport agreement.

Operation of air services in the Community: technical adaptation

PURPOSE: to provide for the possibility of derogating from the conditions for wet-leasing set out in Article 13(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 by concluding international agreements.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2019/2 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community.

CONTENT: the Regulation amending [Regulation \(EC\) No 1008/2008](#) provides for the possibility of derogating from the restrictive conditions applicable to wet lease agreements for aircraft registered in a third country, where an international wet lease agreement signed by the Union, on the basis of an air transport agreement in force signed before 1 January 2008, provides for a specific wet lease regime.

The Commission is

currently reviewing Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008, including its provisions on wet-leasing and their possible impact on employees and consumers. Given that this review could lead to a general revision of that Regulation, this Regulation is limited to aligning Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 with the relevant international obligations. The international agreement on wet-leasing should include reciprocal rights and obligations for both parties and should be based on an existing Air Transport Agreement.

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