





Procedure file

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EU/Japan Agreement: civil aviation safety		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Transport and Tourism	 MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR Cláudia	18/07/2019
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European Commission	Commission DG Mobility and Transport	Commissioner VĂLEAN Adina-Ioana	

Key events			
17/12/2019	Preparatory document	COM(2019)0626	
15/07/2020	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/07/2020	Legislative proposal published	09292/2020	Summary
23/07/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/12/2020	Vote in committee		
02/12/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0239/2020	Summary
14/12/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Committee dossier	TRAN/9/02191

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	COM(2019)0628	17/12/2019	EC	
Preparatory document	COM(2019)0626	17/12/2019	EC	
Legislative proposal	09292/2020	20/07/2020	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report	PE657.272	08/10/2020	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0239/2020	02/12/2020	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T9-0341/2020	15/12/2020	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2021/112](#)
[OJ L 036 02.02.2021, p. 0001](#)

EU/Japan Agreement: civil aviation safety

PURPOSE: to conclude the agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Union and Japan.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Union and Japan was signed on 22 June 2020, subject to its conclusion at a later date. The agreement must now be approved.

CONTENT: the Council's draft is aimed at approving, on behalf of the Union, the agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Union and Japan.

The EU shall be represented:

- in the Joint Committee of the Parties established under the Agreement, by the Commission, assisted by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency and accompanied by the aviation authorities of the Member States as their representatives;
- in the Certification Oversight Board with regard to certification by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency, assisted by the aviation authorities of the Member States directly concerned by the agenda of each meeting.

The decision shall contain provisions for the adoption of safeguard measures, requests for consultations and measures to suspend acceptance obligations, as well as for the adoption of decisions on amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement.

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Cláudia MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR (EPP, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Union and Japan.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

On 7 March 2016, the Council authorised the European Commission to open negotiations with Japan with a view to concluding a bilateral aviation safety agreement, in order to strengthen aviation safety and contribute to the global competitiveness of the European aviation industry by cutting red tape and facilitating exports.

The agreement was signed on 22 June 2020, subject to its conclusion.

Under the agreement, the EU and Japan will accept findings of compliance and certificates issued following specific procedures carried out by the other party's competent authorities.

Furthermore, the bilateral agreement should:

- promote cooperation, a very high level of civil aviation safety and environmental performance, and the free flow of civil aeronautical products and services;
- contributes to the recovery of the aviation sector, heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- be based on reciprocal trust in each others aviation regulatory and compliance system, the Agreement also considers transparency, cooperation related to safety issues, protection of data, and confidential information;
- establish a Joint Committee, composed of both parties' representatives, to ensure proper implementation of the provisions.

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The European Parliament approved by 678 votes to 7, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Union and Japan.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

On 7 March 2016, the Council authorised the European Commission to open negotiations with Japan in view of concluding a Bilateral Air Safety Agreement (BASA) to enhance air safety and contribute to the global competitiveness of the European aviation industry by means of cutting red-tape and facilitating exports. The Agreement was signed on 22 June 2020, subject to its conclusion.

The Agreement between the European Union and Japan is part of the Commission's Aviation Strategy for Europe, which aims to support European businesses and ensure better conditions for passengers.

Being based on reciprocal trust in each others aviation regulatory and compliance system, the Agreement also considers transparency, cooperation related to safety issues, protection of data, and confidential information. It also establishes a Joint Committee, composed of representatives of both sides, to ensure the proper implementation of the provisions.