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## SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN

The European Parliament voted to adopt both the legislation amending the **Single European Sky (SES II)** and to **extend EASA's competence to the safety of Aerodromes and Air Traffic Management (ATM)** on 26 March. The texts were subsequently discussed and welcomed at the Transport Council on 30 March and will be endorsed by the Council of Ministers at a future Council meeting. The texts must now be considered by the Council and European Parliament's legal services and should be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in the autumn. They will become law 20 days after they have been published, although the specific provisions will not become applicable until dates to be specified in the implementing rules.

In order to progress SES II, the Commission is expected to initiate work on a number of new Implementing Rules (IR) before the end of 2009, in particular to develop the **Performance Scheme** and **Network Management Function**. In preparation for the implementation of the Performance Scheme, the Commission have asked for support from the Eurocontrol Performance Review Commission (PRC) to provide advice and assistance in setting up the scheme. It is understood that the European, national and FAB performance targets will apply from 2012, linked to the Commission's deadline for the implementation of **FABs**.

In the **SESAR** project, the Transport Council agreed a decision endorsing the **ATM Master Plan** and a Council resolution considering SESAR going forward at its meeting on 30 March. An Ad-Hoc meeting of the Single Sky Committee was held on 23 March, where Member States agreed the Community position to approve the accession of the 15 candidate Industry Members to the SESAR Joint Undertaking. However due to concerns over funding and access to information from non-EU Member States including Turkey, an Ad-Hoc Eurocontrol Provisional Council, held on 27 March, was unable to agree the Eurocontrol Membership agreement with the Joint Undertaking. Eurocontrol and the Commission remain hopeful that a resolution can be reached, although this may not now be finalised until the next Eurocontrol Provisional Council on 7 May.

The **Single Sky Committee** (SSC) met on 1 and 2 April and discussed the progress of the SES II package, NSA co-operation, information on ANS costs and unit rates and the annual Member State reports on the implementation of SES and FUA. The meeting also discussed the outcome of the recent SSC workshop to consider ICAO Differences and SES. As a result it has been agreed that Eurocontrol will conduct a study of existing State differences during the development of new IRs. In the case of the **Aeronautical Data Quality IR**, which had been delayed while this issue was resolved, Eurocontrol will examine the differences Member States wanted to maintain during the development of IR. The agency will then make recommendations for amendments to the draft IR to take these into account.

During the SSC, the Commission acknowledged the current concerns with the scope of the **Air Traffic Flow Management IR** and with the **Risk Classification Scheme IR** and recognised the need for further work on both to bring them to a level of maturity suitable for presentation to the SSC for adoption.

The next meeting of the SSC will be on 29 and 30 June. Ahead of this the Commission will hold a meeting with those involved in the development of current **FAB** initiatives to discuss the implications of SES II and the outcome of the Eurocontrol PRC study on FABs and performance.

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