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## SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN

Both the **Single European Sky II** legislation and the **legislation extending the EASA system to the safety regulation of ATM and Aerodromes** were adopted by the EU Council of Ministers at a meeting on 7 September 2009 and should be published in the Official Journal of the European Union before the end of the year.

It is expected that a draft **Performance Scheme IR**, focusing on the process for the scheme, will be presented to the SSC in December. The IR will then be developed further during the first half of 2010. An amendment to the Charging Regulation, will also be developed in the same timescales, in part to mirror the Performance Scheme rules, but mainly to change the position on automatic cost recovery in favour of 'determined costs'. Proposals for the EU performance targets are expected to come later in 2010.

The Commission and **EASA** have issued a joint position on the overall approach to IRs for the extensions of EASA competence, including **ATM safety rulemaking**. This focuses on prioritisation and simplification of rules, alignment with existing standards and rules and on transitional arrangements including the use of existing expertise within Eurocontrol. EASA has commenced its ATM rulemaking activity in order to meet the basic regulation timetable of adopting the rules by the end of 2012. As a result it is proceeding with three rule drafting groups, dealing with ANSP, competent authority and ATCO licensing requirements. CAA will take part in the ANSP and competent authority groups. Meetings are expected to commence in November and run through until at least May 2010.

The **Single Sky Committee (SSC)** met on 14 October and adopted the **Aeronautical Data Quality Implementing Rule (IR)**, which had been delayed due to Member State concerns about how it dealt with ICAO differences. Due to time constraints there was no discussion of the revised draft of the **Air Traffic Flow Management IR**, which will next be considered at a SSC workshop on 6 November. The meeting also discussed an updated version of the **SES II roadmap**. The next meeting of the SSC will be in December.

In the **SESAR** project, the **Joint Undertaking** is currently in the process of agreeing which of its members will lead on remaining work packages. These include work packages on the maintenance of the **Master Plan** and on transversal areas (issues relevant to all the work packages), which will include development of business cases for SESAR. The first update of the Master Plan, to include a refinement of the content of Implementation Package One (IP1), can be expected in March 2010.

Proposals for the **governance of IP1** were also discussed at the October SSC. The SES Industry Consultation Body has proposed the creation of a steering group led by senior industry figures, a view largely supported by Member States, but the Commission has proposed that this group should be led by Member States and set up under the SSC. Consequently the Commission has agreed to further refine their position ahead of the next SSC. The Commission has also presented proposals for seven new IRs and amendments to six existing IRs to support the implementation of IP1. CAA has suggested that these IRs should avoid being too prescriptive, given that IP1 has to be implemented by 2014.

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