

Negotiations with EFTA

Finally, the Council confirmed the Commission's mandate to open negotiations on behalf of the Community with Norway and Sweden on air transport services, in particular air fares, market access and capacity.¹³

Again no decision was taken on the Commission's proposals of February 1990 concerning negotiations with third countries.¹¹

Issues Outstanding

Aside from Council decisions to be taken by 1 July 1992 on the further measures of liberalization including cabotage (with respect to capacity sharing and market access), and rules governing the licensing of carriers and air routes, there are a number of other key issues outstanding which still await Council determination. In the main, these include: the mutual acceptance of licences and certificates relating to flying crew, air traffic controllers, aircraft maintenance personnel; licensing procedures and requirements concerning air traffic control, flight operations and aeronautical station operations; the harmonization of social legislation with respect to the right of establishment of air carriers e.g. flight times, air service hours, rest periods for flight crews, working hours for traffic controllers, compensation for accidents; and the harmonization of airworthiness of aircraft maintenance standards etc. These are central to the right of establishment of air carriers in other