

Competition

In order to provide more time for Community carriers to adjust to the more competitive and liberalized market, the Council extended to 31 December 1992 block exemptions from the application of the Treaty's competition rules (Article 85(3)) to intra-Community air transport, including cargo. On the basis of Commission proposals to be submitted by 1 July 1992, the Council will decide on the definition of categories of agreements and concerted practices and specify in particular those kinds of restrictions or clauses which may or may not be permitted in agreements, decisions and concerted practices.

It should be noted that the Council received a Communication from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany recalling that its instrument of ratification of the European Community Treaties exempted their application to Land Berlin and that, therefore, the above Regulations concerning air fares, market access a capacity sharing and competition rules also do not apply. This may be subject to change following the Agreement on the reunification of the Federal Republic of Germany signed in Moscow on 12 September 1990.