

Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on rail passengers' rights and obligations

CHAPTER II

TRANSPORT CONTRACT, INFORMATION AND TICKETS

Article 4

Transport contract

Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the conclusion and performance of a transport contract and the provision of information and tickets shall be governed by the provisions of Title II and Title III of Annex I.

Article 5

Bicycles

Railway undertakings shall enable passengers to bring bicycles on to the train, where appropriate for a fee, if they are easy to handle, if this does not adversely affect the specific rail service, and if the rolling-stock so permits.

Article 6

Exclusion of waiver and stipulation of limits

1 Obligations towards passengers pursuant to this Regulation may not be limited or waived, notably by a derogation or restrictive clause in the transport contract.

2 Railway undertakings may offer contract conditions more favourable for the passenger than the conditions laid down in this Regulation.

Article 7

Obligation to provide information concerning discontinuation of services

Railway undertakings or, where appropriate, competent authorities responsible for a public service railway contract shall make public by appropriate means, and before their implementation, decisions to discontinue services.

Article 8

Travel information

1 Without prejudice to Article 10, railway undertakings and ticket vendors offering transport contracts on behalf of one or more railway undertakings shall provide the passenger, upon request, with at least the information set out in Annex II, Part I in relation to the

journeys for which a transport contract is offered by the railway undertaking concerned. Ticket vendors offering transport contracts on their own account, and tour operators, shall provide this information where available.

2 Railway undertakings shall provide the passenger during the journey with at least the information set out in Annex II, Part II.

3 The information referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be provided in the most appropriate format. Particular attention shall be paid in this regard to the needs of people with auditory and/or visual impairment.

Article 9

Availability of tickets, through tickets and reservations

1 Railway undertakings and ticket vendors shall offer, where available, tickets, through tickets and reservations.

2 Without prejudice to paragraph 4, railway undertakings shall distribute tickets to passengers via at least one of the following points of sale:

- a ticket offices or selling machines;
- b telephone, the Internet or any other widely available information technology;
- c on board trains.

3 Without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5, railway undertakings shall distribute tickets for services provided under public service contracts via at least one of the following points of sale:

- a ticket offices or selling machines;
- b on board trains.

4 Railway undertakings shall offer the possibility to obtain tickets for the respective service on board the train, unless this is limited or denied on grounds relating to security or antifraud policy or compulsory train reservation or reasonable commercial grounds.

5 Where there is no ticket office or selling machine in the station of departure, passengers shall be informed at the station:

- a of the possibility of purchasing tickets via telephone or the Internet or on board the train, and of the procedure for such purchase;
- b of the nearest railway station or place at which ticket offices and/or selling machines are available.

Article 10

Travel information and reservation systems

1 In order to provide the information and to issue tickets referred to in this Regulation, railway undertakings and ticket vendors shall make use of CIRSRT, to be established by the procedures referred to in this Article.

2 The technical specifications for interoperability (TSIs) referred to in Directive 2001/16/EC shall be applied for the purposes of this Regulation.

3 The Commission shall, on a proposal to be submitted by the European Railway Agency (ERA), adopt the TSI of telematics applications for passengers by 3 December 2010. The TSI shall make possible the provision of the information, set out in Annex II, and the issuing of tickets as governed by this Regulation.

4 Railway undertakings shall adapt their CIRSRT according to the requirements set out in the TSI in accordance with a deployment plan set out in that TSI.

5 Subject to the provisions of Directive 95/46/EC, no railway undertaking or ticket vendor shall disclose personal information on individual bookings to other railway undertakings and/or ticket vendors.