

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO THE
The Single European Sky (National Supervisory Authority) Regulations
2004 No.1958

This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Transport and is laid before Parliament by Command of her Majesty.

Description

This instrument specifies the Civil Aviation Authority as the UK's national supervisory authority for the purpose of performing the tasks assigned to such an authority under the measures listed in the Schedule to these Regulations relating to the provision of air navigation services in the Single European Sky.

Matters of special interest to the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments.

None

Legislative Background

The instrument is being made because article 4 of the first EC measure specified in the Schedule to these Regulations requires the nomination or establishment of such an authority for such purposes.

Extent

This instrument applies to all the United Kingdom.

Policy Background

The EC measures specified in the Schedule to these Regulations constituting the Single European Sky legislative package was adopted by the European Parliament and the Transport Council in March 2004 and entered into force on 20 April.

They establish a framework for the single European sky, the provision of air navigation services in the single European sky, the organisation and use of the airspace in the single European sky, and the operability of the European Air Traffic Management network. The national supervisory authority required to be nominated to perform the various functions of that body under the said package is required to be independent of air navigation services providers and able to act impartially and transparently. The CAA has been selected as pre-eminently suitable to perform this task for the UK.

The Regulations are legally important but are not expected to give rise to much public interest.

Impact

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

The tasks to be performed by the national supervisory Authority, which may give rise to costs to the CAA and thence to business, is not the subject of this instrument but of directly applicable EC measures. This instrument does not provide for transposition of any of those requirements because they are in directly applicable Regulations, rather than in Directives.

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