

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION

1991 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Recent Developments in
EC Air Transport
Law and Policy**

15 November in Berlin

In the period since the Association's last conference in November 1990, EC legislation and policy in the air transport sector has gained further momentum. This is due to the approaching deadline for the completion of the internal market on the one hand and the opening of Eastern European countries on the other. The purpose of this year's annual conference is to discuss the recent developments in two major areas of concern for the industry. First, the conference will examine the impact of EC competition law on the air transport sector in the area of slots, merger control and state aids. The second part of the conference will focus on the relationship between the European Community and third countries, in particular the United States, and on the problems arising under the GATT.

08:30 Registration

08:45 Annual General Meeting

09:15 Opening Address by EALA President and morning's Chairman

Professor. P.D. Dagtoglou, University of Athens, attorney-at-law,
Athens, Brussels (Stanbrook & Hooper) and London

First Session: First Experiences with the New Rules on Slots

09:30 Legal Problems of Commission Regulation No. 85/91

Speaker: Professor. A. Giardina, University of Rome

09:50 The View of the Airlines

Speaker: Mr. H. Wittek, Head of Legal Department,
Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Cologne

10:10 Discussion

10:45 Coffee Break

Second Session: Merger Control in the Air Transport Sector

11:10 National Merger Control for International Airlines?

Speaker: Dr. H. J. Ruppelt, Chairman of the Fifth Decision Board,
Bundeskartellamt, Berlin

11:40 Problems of the Application of the EC Merger Regulation to Airlines

Speaker: Dr. F. Montag, partner, Deringer, Tessin, Herrmann &
Sedemund, Brussels and Cologne

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Opening Address by afternoon's Chairman

Professor. C. -O. Lenz, Advocate-General at the European Court of Justice, Luxembourg

Third Session: Ramifications of the Establishment of the Internal Market on the Relationship with Third Countries

14:10 Prospects for a New Relationship between the EC and the US

Speaker: Mr. J. Barnum, former US Deputy Secretary for Transportation, partner, White & Case, Washington D.C.

14:30 Problems arising from the Negotiation of Air Transport Agreements by the EC Commission

Speaker: Mr. K.-H. Neumeister, Secretary General of the Association of European Airlines, Brussels

14:50 Discussion

15:20 Coffee Break

Fourth Session: State Aids in the Air Transport Sector

15:40 Subsidies to the Aircraft Industry – Should the GATT Civil Aircraft Code be Revised?

Speaker: Mr. C. Mannin, Senior Counsel, Airbus Industrie, Toulouse

16:00 The Commission's Policy towards National Aid to Airlines

Speaker: Professor. J. Dutheil de la Rochère, University of Paris

16:20 Discussion

Fifth Session: The Future of European Air Transport Policy

16:50 EC Air Transport Policy: The German View

Speaker: Dr. Wilhelm Knittel, Secretary of State in the Federal Ministry for Transportation, Bonn

17:15 Discussion and Chairman's closing remarks

17:30 Reception

18:30 End of Conference

Location

Hotel Schweizerhof, Markgraafensaal West, Budapester Straße 21-31, W-1000 Berlin 30, telephone: 49-30-26960, telefax: 49-30-2696900.

Date

15 November 1991, 8.30 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Fee

(to include lunch, drinks after the conference and conference papers)

£150 for members

£200 for non-members

Non-members may wish to consider becoming members of the Association, as the current annual subscription is only £20 for individual members and £60 for corporate members. Anyone joining will be eligible for the reduced £150 conference fee and should send the appropriate subscription fee at the same time.

Lunch

Lunch will be served in the hotel. Full details will be given at the conference.

Transport

To be arranged by the delegates themselves. The airport bus stops in front of the hotel.

Accommodation

A limited number of rooms has been reserved in the Hotel Schweizerhof for the period between 13 to 17 November 1992 at a preferential rate. Bookings should be made directly with the hotel before 25 September 1991 on the enclosed room reservation form, or by phone or fax with reference to the conference in order to enjoy the reduced rate.

Reservations

Because the number of participants at the conference is limited, early reservation is advised. Acceptance of reservations is conditional upon availability of accommodation. Reservations may be made by completing the enclosed booking form and sending it with the fee to the European Air Law Association, c/o Dr. Frank Montag, Deringer, Tessin, Herrmann & Sedemund, Avenue de la Renaissance 1 Bte. 1, 1040 Brussels, Belgium. Payment should be made, please, in pounds sterling, by a cheque drawn on a British bank account or by Eurocheque. If neither of these is possible, an international money order or a sterling bank draft may be used, in any case made payable to European Air Law Association. Alternatively, payment (in pounds sterling) may be made directly to the Association's bank account No. 48048100 at National Westminster Bank, 6 Torhill Street, London SW1 19ND, sort code 60-10-03, with the name of the sender enclosed.

Cancellations/Changes

The closing date for reservations is November 1, 1991, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to November 2, 1991, subject to deduction of £50 to cover administration and overheads, cancellation should be notified to the Association at the address given above (fax: (322) 736.51.20). No refunds will be given for any cancellations received after November 1, 1991. Please note that the name of the delegate may change at any time before commencement of the conference.

Programme Content

The language of the conference will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, the Association reserves the right to alter the content or the names of speakers without advance notice.