

**REGULATION (EC) No 1900/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
of 20 December 2006**

**amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 on the harmonisation of technical requirements  
and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 80(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee,

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty <sup>(1)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 <sup>(2)</sup> provides for common technical requirements and administrative procedures applicable to commercial transportation by aeroplanes. Those harmonised requirements and procedures apply to all aeroplanes used by Community operators whether registered in a Member State or in a third country.
- (2) The measures necessary for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (3) In particular, the Commission should be empowered to establish the conditions under which, as provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91, the common technical requirements and administrative procedures set out in Annex III thereof may be amended or supplemented, or a Member State exempted from applying them. Since those measures are of general scope and are designed to amend non-essential elements of that Regulation, or to supplement it by the addition of new non-essential elements, they should be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for in Article 5a of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (4) When, on imperative grounds of urgency regarding the maintenance of a sufficient level of aviation safety, the normal time-limits for the regulatory procedure with scrutiny cannot be complied with, the Commission

should be able to use the urgency procedure provided for in Article 5a(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC for the adoption of certain measures.

- (5) Regulation (EEC) No 3922/1991 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 is hereby amended as follows:

1) Article 8 shall be amended as follows:

- (a) The fourth subparagraph of paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'In such a case, the Commission shall notify its decision to all Member States, which shall be entitled to apply that measure. The relevant provisions of Annex III may also be amended in accordance with Article 11, so as to reflect that measure.');

- (b) The fourth subparagraph of paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'In such a case, the Commission shall notify its decision to all Member States, which shall be entitled to apply that measure. The relevant provisions of Annex III may also be amended in accordance with Article 11, so as to reflect that measure.');

2) Article 11 shall be amended as follows:

- (a) Paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. The measures, designed to amend non-essential elements of this Regulation by supplementing it, which are necessitated by scientific and technical progress and which amend the common technical requirements and administrative procedures listed in Annex III, shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 12(3). On imperative grounds of urgency, the Commission may follow the urgency procedure referred to in Article 12(4).';

- (b) In paragraph 2, the words 'in Article 12' shall be replaced by 'in Article 12(3)';

<sup>(1)</sup> Opinion of the European Parliament of 30 November 2006 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 19 December 2006.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 373, 31.12.1991, p. 4. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1899/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council. (See page 1 of this Official Journal).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23. Decision as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC (OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11).

3) Article 12 shall be replaced by the following:

*Article 12*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Air Safety Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee").

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 5 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The period laid down in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.

3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5a (1) to (4), and Article 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

4. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5a (1), (2), (4) and (6), and Article 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.'

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 2006

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

*For the Council*

*The President*

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