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Discussion Paper on the operation of Regulation (EC) 785/2004 on insurance requirements for air carriers and aircraft operators

Reference is made to the Discussion Paper on the operation of Regulation (EC) 785/2004 on insurance requirements for air carriers and aircraft operators.

Norway is a member of the European Free Trade Association, and as a party to the EEA-agreement we incorporate in the agreement and implement in our national legislation all the EU-legislation that, according to procedures laid down in the agreement, is found relevant. Norway is therefore to this extent bound by the same framework as the EU-countries.

The discussion paper was distributed by the Civil Aviation Authority to the parties concerned, but achieved rather few comments. Consequently we only comment on some of the questions concerned.

Economic Impact of the Regulation on Aircraft Operators

In Norway the Regulation had no economic impact on the insurance policy of Air Carriers. Regarding general aviation, especially leisure aircraft, the insurance premium increased by more than 50 % after the Regulation entered into force.

Implementation of the Regulation by Member States

Air carriers licensed in third countries have to deposit an insurance certificate at the Civil Aviation Authority. The Authority makes sure that the insurance is in accordance with the obligations in the Regulation.

Concerning insurance requirements for the passenger liability of non-commercial operations by aircraft with a MTOM less than 2 700 kg Norway requires a minimum insurance for liability for passengers of 250,000 SDR per passenger.

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We look forward to seeing the final report. We would very much like to take part in the future prospective work on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Øyvind Ek', written over a horizontal line.

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