Within the Single European Sky framework, the European Commission has sent to EUROCONTROL a request for the development of a draft implementing rule on Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA). Moreover, the extension of scope of EASA Basic Regulation¹ and in particular Annex Vb of this regulation requires EASA to prepare draft implementing rules on Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) and to issue an Opinion to the European Commission.

As requested by the amended EC SERA mandate, the development and the consultation of this implementing rule are conducted in close cooperation between EASA and EUROCONTROL.

SERA Part A covered the core part of the draft rule, complemented by a first part transposing ICAO Annex 2 “Rules of the Air” and has been already addressed by the single sky committee. SERA Part B is covering the second part of the work, which is transposing the elements of ICAO Annex 11 which have been identified as being of a “rule of the air nature”.

Following the written informal consultation, carried out by EUROCONTROL, that took place between the 12th November and the 6th December 2010, the relevant stakeholder inputs have been taken into account on all aspects of the SERA Part B provisions, and the draft implementing rule has been subsequently improved.

The formal consultation on this additional part of the draft implementing rule followed the EASA Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) procedure. It commenced on 10th February 2011 and ended on 10th May 2011. Formal consultation allows all Member States, stakeholders and interested parties to express their formal views on the draft implementing rule.

The request received from the European Commission as well as consultation procedures require to organise a public workshop to discuss the results of the formal consultation. In this context, you are kindly invited to a stakeholder consultation workshop which will take place in the EUROCONTROL premises on:

Monday 19th September 2011, from 10H00 to 17H00 at EUROCONTROL HQ, EUROPA conference room.

The aim of this one-day workshop will be to present and discuss the results of the formal consultation process in respect of the draft implementing rule for SERA Part B. Please note, therefore, that the workshop will only address comments received during the formal consultation process and will not invite for new comments. The proposed responses to the comments received, the intended approach for the next steps, and the rationale behind them, will be presented at this occasion. EUROCONTROL and EASA will then finalise the amendments to the draft rule and consolidate the final report for the SERA mandate which will also fulfil the obligations in the EASA Basic Regulation. The result will be delivered to the European Commission via an EASA opinion by the end of October 2011.

Workshop registration will start at 09H30 on 19th September. The workshop will be conducted in English. You are kindly requested to notify in advance your intention to attend or be represented at the workshop.

Please register via the EUROCONTROL website at: http://www.eurocontrol.int/enprm/public/standard_page/sera_part_b.html

closing date for registration is on 14th September 2011.

More information on the SERA mandate is available on the EUROCONTROL website at: http://www.eurocontrol.int/ses/public/standard_page/sk_sera.html

The formal consultation documents can be downloaded from the EASA website at: http://easa.europa.eu/rulemaking/r-archives.php

The comment response document will be uploaded in the coming days on the EASA website at:


The workshop agenda will be dispatched to you prior to the workshop.