

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2016/418**of 18 March 2016****on the compliance of unit rates for charging zones for 2016 under Article 17 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013***(notified under document C(2016) 1583)*

(Only the Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Estonian, English, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Slovak, Swedish, Spanish, Croatian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Maltese, Polish, Romanian, Slovenian and Finnish texts are authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 550/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 on the provision of air navigation services in the Single European Sky (the service provision Regulation) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 16(1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013 of 3 May 2013 laying down a common charging scheme for air navigation services ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 17(1)(d) thereof

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013 lays down a common charging scheme for air navigation services. The common charging scheme is an integral element in reaching the objectives of the performance scheme as established under Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 549/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾ and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 390/2013 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/132/EU ⁽⁵⁾ sets the Union-wide performance targets, including a cost-efficiency target for en route air navigation services expressed in determined unit costs for the provision of those services, for the second reference period, which covers the years 2015 to 2019 inclusive.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 17(1)(b) and (c) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013, the Commission is to assess the unit rates for charging zones for 2016 submitted by the Member States to the Commission by 1 June 2015 following the requirements of Article 9(1) and 9(2) of that Regulation. That assessment concerns the compliance of those unit rates with Implementing Regulations (EU) No 390/2013 and (EU) No 391/2013.
- (4) The Commission has carried out its assessment of the unit rates with the support of Eurocontrol's Performance Review Unit and Central Route Charges Office, using the data and additional information provided by the Member States by 1 June 2015 as well as the reports of national supervisory authorities on the assessment of costs exempt from the cost-sharing mechanism. The Commission assessment also took into account the explanations given and corrections made before the consultation meeting on the unit rates for 2016 for en route services that was held on 24 and 25 June 2015 in application of Article 9(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013, as well as the corrections made by Member States to the unit rates following subsequent contacts with the Commission.
- (5) On the basis of that assessment, the Commission has found, in accordance with Article 17(1)(d) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013, that the unit rates for charging zones for 2016 submitted by Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom are in compliance with Implementing Regulations (EU) No 390/2013 and (EU) No 391/2013.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 96, 31.3.2004, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 128, 9.5.2013, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EC) No 549/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 laying down the framework for the creation of the single European sky (the framework Regulation) (OJ L 96, 31.3.2004, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 390/2013 of 3 May 2013 laying down a performance scheme for air navigation services and network functions OJ L 128, 9.5.2013, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2014/132/EU of 11 March 2014 setting the Union-wide performance targets for the air traffic management network and alert thresholds for the second reference period 2015-19 (OJ L 71, 12.3.2014, p. 20).

- (6) Pursuant to Article 17(1)(d) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013, the Member States concerned should be notified of that finding,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The unit rates for charging zones for 2016 set out in the Annex are in compliance with Implementing Regulations (EU) No 390/2013 and (EU) No 391/2013.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Republic of Estonia, Ireland, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 2016.

For the Commission
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ANNEX

	Charging zone	Submitted 2016 en route unit rate in national currency (*) (ISO Code)
1	Austria	73,63
2	Bulgaria	44,16
3	Croatia	359,09
4	Cyprus	33,57
5	Czech Republic	1 160,75
6	Denmark	460,05
7	Estonia	30,69
8	Finland	56,23
9	Greece	36,02
10	Hungary	10 872,57
11	Ireland	29,67
12	Italy	80,08
13	Latvia	27,31
14	Lithuania	44,90
15	Malta	25,79
16	Poland	145,47
17	Portugal	39,90
18	Romania	162,62
19	Slovakia	52,54
20	Slovenia	65,38
21	Spain Canarias	58,36
22	Spain Continental	71,69
23	Sweden	579,36
24	United Kingdom	72,89

(*) These unit rates do not include the administrative unit rate referred to in Article 18(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013 and which applies to States party to Eurocontrol's Multilateral Agreement relating to route charges.