COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/2378

of 15 December 2017

on the compliance of unit rates for charging zones for 2017 under Article 17 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 391/2013

(notified under document C(2017) 8501)

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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 15(4) 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 2017 submitted by the Member States to the Commission by 1 June 2016 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, using the data and additional information provided by the Member States by 1 November 2016. The Commission assessment also took into account the explanations given and corrections made before the consultation meeting on the unit rates for 2017 for *en route* services that was held on 23 November 2016 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 *en route* charging zones for 2017 submitted by Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, 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.

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

(7) The finding and notification that unit rates for charging zones are in compliance with Implementing Regulations (EU) No 390/2013 and (EU) No 391/2013 is without prejudice to Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 550/2004.

([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).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The unit rates for *en route* charging zones for 2017, 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 Kingdom of Belgium, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Portugese 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, 15 December 2017.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

	Charging zone	2017 en route unit rate in national currency (*)
1	Austria	72,71
2	Belgium-Luxembourg	67,46
3	Croatia	346,74
4	Cyprus	34,32
5	Czech Republic	1 134,76
6	Denmark	450,23
7	Estonia	28,46
8	Finland	56,23
9	France	67,00
10	Germany	69,36
11	Hungary	10 898,29
12	Ireland	29,54
13	Italy	80,00
14	Latvia	27,46
15	Lithuania	44,42
16	Netherlands	66,26
17	Portugal	40,12
18	Romania	149,21
19	Slovakia	52,54
20	Slovenia	64,60
21	Spain Canarias	58,36
22	Spain Continental	71,69
23	Sweden	580,71
24	United Kingdom	64,54

(*) 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.