

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3274/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Air services to and from Pantelleria

In view of Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92¹ the Italian state is to make provision for the establishment, subject to public service obligations, of scheduled air services between Pantelleria and Palermo and Pantelleria and Trapani, as these are vital for the economic development of the island. In the course of the 'Conferenza di Servizi' (consultation of bodies concerned) duly held on 21 June 1999, a project for the establishment of adequate scheduled air services was approved which mainly concerned the standards to be met by carriers in terms of regularity and pricing.

Does the Commission consider that it would be appropriate for it to look into the delay in implementing the projected introduction of adequate scheduled air services, given that such services are absolutely essential for the island's inhabitants and for tourists?

¹ OJ L240 of 24.8.1992, p.8