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- **Denied Boarding and Cancellation: New Fines for Airlines**

22/03/2006

Significant penalties applicable to airlines which infringe EU Regulation 261/2004 have recently been incorporated into Italian law. A new decree introduces fines of between €10,000 and €50,000 which may be imposed on airlines which fail to follow procedures and provide compensation in the event of cancellation or denied boarding.

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- **New Aircraft Registration Rules and Air Services Costs**

08/02/2006

In the last months of 2005 significant changes in the field of aviation and airport legislation were implemented in Italy. Amendments to the Italian Air Navigation Code affect airport management, utilities and services, safety and aircraft registration, while other legislation revises the airport development and air traffic control costs borne by airlines.

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- **New ENAC Rules on Fines for Breaches of EU Denied Boarding Regulation**

14/05/2008

ENAC, the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, has issued a circular to announce the procedure for imposing fines on airlines for breaching the EU Denied Boarding Regulation. The circular explains the criteria used to calculate the size of a fine and outlines the procedural requirements for ENAC and the airline accused of the breach.

- **New Regulation on Air Services Notification and Authorization Procedures**

07/11/2007

ENAC, the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, has recently issued a regulation which provides a framework for access for EU air carriers to routes within the European Union and authorization procedures for flights by EU and non-EU carriers between the European Union and other countries. It also restates rules on overflights and landing for non-traffic purposes.

- **New ENAC Rules on Designation of Airlines for Additional EU Routes**

09/05/2007

The revision of the Italian Navigation Code has introduced a new regulation on the designation of air carriers wishing to access additional EU routes. The relationship between the air carriers and ENAC, the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, must be established and regulated by an agreement. The criteria for the designation must be transparent and non-discriminatory, and must be determined and announced in advance.

- **New Regulation for Provision of Airport Handling Services**

17/01/2007

ENAC, the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, has issued a new regulation for the certification of providers of handling services in Italian airports. The safety and quality requirements must be confirmed by a certificate, which is valid for a three-year period and can be renewed for a further three years. The regulation also provides for fines for operators which fail to comply.

- **ENAC to Ground Aircraft for Non-payment of Route Charges**

04/10/2006

Eurocontrol, the European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation, and ENAC, the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, have entered into an agreement whereby ENAC, at Eurocontrol's request, is empowered to ground aircraft operated by airlines which have failed to pay route charges to Eurocontrol.

- **The Role of the Airport Manager**

21/06/2006

New aviation regulations provide that total airport management companies are regulated by the Italian Navigation Code. Their responsibilities include managing the infrastructure of the airport, coordinating and monitoring the airport operators' activities and ensuring that the airport is run safely and efficiently.

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