

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
MINISTER OF ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

**ORDER ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROUTE VITALLY IMPORANT FOR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY**

11 July 2018. No. 3-337/4-440
Vilnius

Pursuant to Article 16 (1) of the Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community (Recast) (OL 2008 L 293, p. 3) (hereinafter – the Regulation (EC) No. 1008/2008), subparagraph 3.1 and paragraph 4 of the Description of the procedure for the application of Articles 16-18 of common rules for the operation of air services in the Community approved by Order No. 3-330/4-424 “On the approval of the description of the procedure for the application of Articles 16-18 of common rules for the operation of air services in the Community”, having regard to the economic and social analysis “Economic and social analysis of the London direction” made by the public establishment “Investuok Lietuvoje” and submitted by letter No. 2018-137-S of 9 July 2018, by carrying out Objective 9 “Preparation of an efficient route development scheme and its application to increase accessibility by air transport and the number of direct flights to Lithuanian airports” of work 4.4.2 “Development of sustainable communication infrastructure” of the plan for implementing the programme of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved by Resolution No. 167 “On the approval of the plan for implementing the programme of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania” of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 13 March 2017, we :

1. e s t a b l i s h :

1.1. the route vital for economic and social development of the country: Vilnius Airport (IATA airport code – VNO) – London City Airport, IATA airport code – LCY);

1.2. minimum standards for public scheduled air services on the route indicated in subparagraph 1.1 of this order:

1.2.1. flight tickets shall be distributed at market prices;

1.2.2. direct passenger flight rotation (rotation – return trip) shall be organised at least once a day, at least six times a week, but not more often than twelve times a week (Monday to Friday and Saturday or Sunday); the flight will be conducted all year round; the time of departure from London City Airport: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (local time) or 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (local time);

1.2.3. the air carrier must ensure at least 98 seats in the aircraft during the flight;

1.3. that air carriers must notify of the assumption of the public service obligation for the provision of scheduled air transport services on the route indicated in subparagraph 1.1 of this Order within 45 calendar days from publishing the information notice indicated in Article 16(4) of the Regulation (EC) No. 1008/2008 in the Official Journal of the European Union;

1.4. that the public service obligation for scheduled air transport services on the route indicated in subparagraph 1.1. shall come into force from the publication of the information notice indicated in Article 16 (4) of the Regulation (EC) No. 1008/2008 in the Official Journal of the European Union.

2. The air carrier selected through a tender shall be reimbursed for the provision of air transport services on the route indicated in subparagraph 1.1 of this Order by the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania from funds of the programme for economic development and

competitiveness enhancement administered by the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania, designated for implementing the objective “To foster foreign investors to invest into production and service sectors and to create new jobs in Lithuania”.

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