



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

On the basis of Art. 7, para. 3 of the Civil Aviation Act, Art. 2, Art. 6 and Art. 8 of Ordinance No. 847 of

ЗАПОВЕД

№ *РД-08-22/16.01.2024.*

15.01.2010 for the introduction of a national procedure for access to the market of Community air carriers established in the Republic of Bulgaria, on air routes agreed according to international treaties of the Republic of Bulgaria with countries outside the European Union, promulgated, SG, no. 8 of 29.01.2010, amended, no. 11 of 9.02.2010, amended and supplement, SG No. 7 of 20.01.2017, no. 91 of 02.11.2021

I ORDER:

1. I am opening a competition for access to the market of air carriers for the acquisition of the right of appointment for the purpose of operating international air routes agreed with the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Government of the People's Republic of China, signed on June 21, 1993 in Beijing, in force from 21.10.1996, amended by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Aviation Authorities of the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Bulgaria, in force from 8 December 2023,

under the following conditions, requirements and parameters:

1. Agreed parameters and conditions for the operation of the line:

- 1.1. Number of appointed air carriers - up to 4 airlines for each contracting party, for operation of the lines: Sofia-Beijing-Sofia, Sofia-Shanghai-Sofia, Sofia-Zhengzhou-Sofia and Sofia-Shenzhen-Sofia.
- 1.2. Commercial rights: freedom of the air - 1,2, 3 and 4. No right to fifth freedom and no right to carriage for payment of passengers, cargo, baggage and mail between points in the territory of the other Contracting Party (cabotage).
- 1.3. Intermediate points and points beyond for the designated Bulgarian carrier:
 - 1.3.1. Intermediate points: points in third countries.
 - 1.3.2. Points beyond: points in third countries.

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2. Line parameters:

Lines	Frequencies	Aircraft capacity, schedules, and other commercial and technical issues

Sofia-Beijing-Sofia	Up to 7 frequencies per week for passenger/combined services	No seat capacity restrictions on regular passenger/combined services and no restrictions on cargo capacity and services on regular all-cargo services on the agreed air routes. Charter flights can be operated under the conditions of a permit regime, according to Art. 2, para. 3 of the Agreement.
Sofia-Shanghai-Sofia	and	
Sofia-Zhengzhou-Sofia	up to 7 frequencies per week for all cargo transports.	
Sofia-Shenzhen-Sofia		

3. Requirements, terms and conditions for participation:

- 3.1.3a air carriers meeting the conditions of art. are allowed to participate in the competition. 4 of Ordinance No. 847 and the requirements provided for in the Agreement on Air Transport between the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Government of the People's Republic of China, signed on June 21, 1993 in the city of Beijing, ratified by law, promulgated, SG No. 102/1993 in force since 21.10.1996 and in the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on certain aspects of air services (OB L 55/3 of 26.2.2020).
- 3.2. Applications for participation in the competition, formed, completed and submitted according to the order, conditions and requirements of Art. 9 and Art. 10 of Ordinance No. 847, are submitted to the Main Directorate "Civil Aviation Administration", in the building of the Ministry of Transport and Communications at the address: 9 "Deacon Ignatiy" St., Sofia 1000; phone: 02/937 1046, e-mail: caa@caa.bg.
- 3.3. The deadline for submitting applications for participation is 15 days from the date of publication of this order on the websites of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the General Directorate "Civil Aviation Administration".
- 3.4. Applications are opened at 2:00 p.m. on the second working day after the expiration of the period under item 3.3. in the General Directorate "Civil Aviation Administration", room 405, floor 4 in the building of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

4. Organization and conduct of the competition

- 4.1. I instruct the Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Communications to organize the publication of this order on the website of the Ministry.
- 4.2. I instruct the Director-General of the General Directorate "Civil Aviation Administration" to organize the publication of this order on the electronic page of the administration, as well as in two daily newspapers for the mass media.
- 4.3. The persons under item 4.1. etc. 4.2. within 5 working days before the deadline for submitting the applications under item 3.3. to submit to me a draft of an order for the appointment of a competition committee under Art. 11 of Ordinance No. 847.

II. I entrust the control over the execution of this order to Mrs. Anna Mikhneva-Natova, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications.

III. A copy of this order to be delivered to the persons under item 4.1, item 4.2 and item II for information and implementation.

On the basis of §1, item 1 of the DR of ZZLD

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Minister of Transport and communication