

Timeline - EU Flight Time Limitations

- **1990s:** Years of discussions at JAA (Joint Aviation Authorities) level, among aviation stakeholders (airlines and crews), and at [EU level](#).
- **2002, Jul:** Brian Simpson's (MEP) proposes a [set of EU-wide FTL rules](#) ("EU-OPS Subpart Q") which enters the Co-decision process between the European Parliament and Council
- **2003, Feb:** ETSC publishes a [paper with comments and recommendations](#) on the "Simpson proposal" based on input from 5 renowned scientists
- **2006, Dec:** Final EU-wide FTL rules ([EU-OPS "Subpart Q"](#)) adopted by EP & Ministers; include a mandate for a scientific and medical evaluation of the new rules by end 2008
- **2008, Jul:** Subpart Q applies across the EU, but individual EU countries can keep stricter national rules
- **2009, Jan:** EASA commissioned "[Moebus Report](#)" published, drafted by 10 scientists, including recommendations on how to revise Subpart Q
- **2009, Dec:** EASA starts work on FTL and sets up a rulemaking group with stakeholders
- **2010, Dec:** [EASA's 1st FTL proposal](#) published (NPA - Notice of Proposed Amendments)
- **2011, Mar:** end of NPA comment period; many stakeholder comments received
- **2011, Jun:** 3 scientists (commissioned by EASA) submit reports recommending changes to NPA (see p. 104-194 for the [scientific reports](#))
- **2012, Jan:** [EASA's 2nd proposal](#) published (CRD - Comment Response Document)
- **2012, Oct:** [EASA's 3rd and final proposal](#) published (Opinion 04/2012); since then it is subject to the EU Commission's internal assessment
- **2013, Mar:** European Parliament [Transport Committee debates](#) EASA FTL proposal, and announces a Hearing on FTL for the near future (see [video](#) on the full EP debate - scroll to 16:32)
- **2013, May:** ETSC publishes a [position paper with comments and recommendations](#) for changes to the EASA Opinion 04/2012, based on the expertise of 6 renowned scientists
- **2013, Jul/Sep (tbc):** official Commission proposal, after vote by Member States in the "EASA Committee"
- **2013, autumn:** European Parliament's 3-months "scrutiny" (EP adopts or rejects the proposal)
- **2013, Dec (tbc):** Publication of final rules and entry into force
- **2014-2015:** two-year transition period for national authorities and airlines to adapt to new rules
- **2015, Dec (tbc):** deadline for EASA rules to apply in actual airline operations.