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Restrictions imposed by the EU on liquids that passengers can take on board aeroplanes

European Parliament resolution of 5 September 2007 on Commission Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 622/2003 laying down measures for the implementation of the common basic standards on aviation security (introduction of liquids onto aircraft)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules in the field of civil aviation security(1),

 having regard to the Commission proposal to repeal and replace Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002 ( COM(2005)0429),

- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 622/2003 laying down measures for the implementation of the common basic standards on aviation security(2),

having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 622/2003 laying down measures for the implementation of the common basic standards on aviation security(3) (introduction of liquids onto aircraft),

having regard to Oral Questions B6-0004/2007, B6-0005/2007, B6-0006/2007, B6-0007/2007 and B6-0008/2007,

- having regard to Rule 108(5) of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Supports all security measures against terrorist risks in aviation that are realistically designed to minimise risk and are not disproportionate;

2. Points out that controls of liquids in hand luggage by X-ray equipment cannot detect explosives in liquids, and calls upon the Commission and the Member States to intensify their efforts to support research studies to find effective tools for the detection of explosives in liquids;

3. Considers that Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006 has not been implemented uniformly and consistently at all airports within the European Union and asks that this implementation be carried out;

4. Notes the increased costs to airports and operators of implementing Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006;

5. Notes in addition, whilst appreciating the need for high-quality security, the costs to aviation

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passengers resulting from the confiscation of private property as a result of the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006;

6. Recognises the substantial inconvenience and disruption caused to passengers, especially transit passengers, and operators by Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006;

7. Is concerned that the costs incurred as a result of Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006 may not be proportionate to its added value in terms of the additional security obtained through its implementation;

8. Calls upon the Commission to act, as provided for by Article 232 of the EC Treaty, by publishing and making available to citizens the verbatim text of the prohibitions and restrictions which can be applied to them, as well as the list of exceptions to the same and the reasons for the measure;

9. Calls upon the Commission to review urgently and – if no further conclusive facts are brought forward – to repeal Regulation (EC) No 1546/2006 (introduction of liquids onto aircraft);

10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

(1) OJ L 355, 30.12.2002, p. 1. (2) OJ L 89, 5.4.2003, p. 9. (3) OJ L 286, 17.10.2006, p. 6.

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