

EU PNR: MEPs to discuss possible changes to Commission proposal

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Amendments to the EU Passenger Name Record data (EU PNR) proposal will be discussed in the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee on Thursday 4 June from 11.15 to 12.15. Of the 836 amendments tabled, 47 were presented by rapporteur Timothy Kirkhope (ECR, UK) in his draft report and 789 by MEPs from various political groups.

The amendments touch on a wide range of issues, such as which flights should be included or excluded, the data retention period, several data protection provisions, clearer rules on how data should be processed and by whom, etc. Some amendments would reject the Commission proposal, and others would change it from a directive to a regulation.

EU PNR amendments in numbers

- 47 amendments to the Commission's proposal were tabled in Mr Kirkhope's revised draft report, which was discussed in the Civil Liberties Committee on 26 February 2015 (press release)
- amendments 48 to 836 were tabled by MEPs from various political groups
- in its opinion, the Transport Committee tabled 58 amendments
- the Foreign Affairs Committee proposes 90 amendments in its opinion

EU-Mexico PNR agreement

Civil Liberties MEPs will also discuss a planned EU-Mexico PNR data transfer deal with the Commission on Thursday from 12.15 to 12.30, after a debate in plenary on 15 April.

To open negotiations for this deal, the Commission needs to get a negotiating mandate from the EU Council of Ministers. Once concluded, it could enter into force only with the European Parliament's consent.

Civil Liberties MEPs are also likely to ask what the Commission plans to do about PNR data transfer requests from other third countries, such as South Korea and Russia.

You can watch the debates on EP Live and the video recording on Video on demand (VOD).

For more information on the EU PNR proposal and on current PNR agreements with third countries, see our background note.

Further information

- Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/libe/home.html
- EP Live: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/ep-live/en/committees/video?event=20150604-0900-COMMITTEE-LIBE
- Procedure file on the EU PNR:
 - http://www.oeil.ep.parl.union.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2011/0023%28COD%29&l=en
- Plenary debate on the envisaged EU-Mexico PNR agreement (15.04.2015): http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+CRE+20150415+ITEM-021+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN



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