

Railway transport: international rail passengers' rights and obligations. 3rd package

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The Council took note of the Presidency progress report on the proposal for a Regulation on International Rail Passengers' Rights and Obligations (third Railway Package). The Council held a policy debate at the TTE Council meeting on 21 April 2005 during which the Member States expressed their positions on the key points of the proposal. On this basis, the Luxembourg Presidency has prepared a new text of the Regulation on which the Council bodies are still working.

The proposal includes provisions concerning:

- the establishment of an international, integrated information and reservation system;
- greater liability for railway undertakings in the event of death or injury of passengers in comparison with the COTIF/CIV system;
- a more generous compensation scheme than under the COTIF/CIV system in the event of a delay, missed connection or cancellation of services;
- assistance for persons with reduced mobility.