

Procedure file

Basic information

CNS - Consultation procedure
Decision

[1999/0804\(CNS\)](#)

Procedure completed

Controls at borders: fight against counterfeit travel documents. Initiative
Germany

Subject

7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas

7.30.05 Police cooperation

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible

Rapporteur

Appointed

LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and
Home Affairs

29/07/1999

PPE-DE [NEWTON DUNN Bill](#)

Committee for opinion

Rapporteur for opinion

Appointed

JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market

23/09/1999

PPE-DE [MAYER Hans-Peter](#)

Council of the European Union

Council configuration

Meeting

Date

[Justice and Home Affairs \(JHA\)](#)

[2251](#)

27/03/2000

Key events

25/05/1999	Legislative proposal published	08457/1999	Summary
23/07/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/11/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
09/11/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0050/1999	
18/11/1999	Debate in Parliament		
19/11/1999	Decision by Parliament	T5-0122/1999	Summary
27/03/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/03/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/04/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Legislative proposal		08457/1999	25/05/1999	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0050/1999 OJ C 189 07.07.2000, p. 0004	09/11/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0122/1999 OJ C 189 07.07.2000, p. 0249-0265	19/11/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Non-binding act 2000/261 OJ L 081 01.04.2000, p. 0001 Summary
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Controls at borders: fight against counterfeit travel documents. Initiative Germany

PURPOSE : to improve the exchange of information between the Member States concerning false documents. **CONTENT** : on the German Federal Republic's initiative, the Council is proposing the adoption of a decision aiming to improve the exchange of information in the framework of the fight against the forgery of travel documents. To this end, a notification system on the detection of forgeries will be set up and its objectives will be : - to facilitate the detection of forged travel documents at the time of their control; - to increase the efficiency of the search for stolen documents. In this context, particular attention shall be given to serial numbers of travel documents. The exchanges of information will not cover personal details. It should be noted that, in the Annex of the proposal, there is a model form type for the exchange of information, as well as a questionnaire for the study of people using false documents using the information passed on by the Member States.?

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The committee adopted a report by Mr William Francis NEWTON DUNN (EPP/ED, UK) amending the text proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany with a view to the adoption of a Council decision. The first amendment seeks to turn the proposal into a regulation rather than a decision, in order to obtain a legal basis and legal form appropriate to the priority objectives of the measure. The committee felt that the primary aim of the measure - combating document forgery - was to prevent illegal immigration. This meant that it came under Title IV of the Amsterdam Treaty ('Visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to free movement of persons') and its objectives could therefore be achieved by means of a legal basis in that title, namely, Article 63. The committee accordingly adopted a number of amendments aimed at clarifying the legal basis. It also adopted various amendments seeking to integrate the proposed information exchange system concerning false travel documents into the European computerised image archiving system (FADO) (instituted by the Council in December 1998) once it is fully operational, to avoid having two parallel systems.

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The European Parliament adopted its report by Mr. William NEWTON-DUNN (EPP/ED, UK) concerning the Federal Republic of Germany's initiative on the improved exchange of information to combat counterfeit travel documents. The Parliament's main amendments are as follows: - the proposal should be for a Council Regulation and not a Decision (in order to obtain a legal basis and legal form appropriate to the priority objective of the measure), - various amendments seeking to integrate the proposed information exchange system concerning false travel documents into the European computerised image archiving system (FADO), instituted by the Council in 1998, once it is fully operational, to avoid having two parallel systems.?

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PURPOSE : to improve the means of combating counterfeit travel documents. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2000/261/JHA on the improved exchange of information to combat counterfeit travel documents. CONTENT : The decision provides that a reporting system for detecting counterfeit travel documents will be used. The exchange of information will not include any personal details. Annex I to the decision sets out the standard form to be used to transmit the relevant information. For the purposes of the uniform collection of information which may be needed for criminal proceedings, Member States must use the questionnaire set out in Annex II.?