

Airport charges

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The Commission accepts the following amendments made by the European Parliament at second reading.

They concern in particular those which:

- significantly improve the clarity of the text compared to the Council's common position;
- refer to several issues such name and time limits;
- clarify certain aspects of financing;
- introduce a recital that clarifies that pre-financing of airport infrastructure should be accompanied with safeguards;
- requires airports to provide information on any financing from public authorities;
- further strengthen the principle of non-discrimination;
- clarify that the functions of the independent supervisory authority can be delegated;
- clarify the reasons for including the largest airport per Member State in the scope of application of the Directive.

Furthermore, the amendments confirm the agreement between the institutions. The Council has already sent a letter to the Parliament endorsing the amendments by the Parliament.