Second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II): establishment, operation and use

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The Mixed Committee (EU + Norway, Iceland and Switzerland) reached an agreement on a draft Regulation on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II).

This draft Regulation defines the conditions and procedures for the processing of alerts entered in the SIS II in respect of third country nationals, the exchange of supplementary information and additional data for the purpose of refusing entry or stay in the territory of the Member States.

This Regulation also lays down provisions in particular on the technical architecture of the SIS II, the responsibilities of the Member States and of the Management Authority, general data processing, the rights of the persons concerned and liability.

On 31 May 2005, the Commission submitted legislative proposals setting out the legal basis for SIS II: two Regulations to be adopted by the codecision procedure and one Council Decision. In order to allow SIS II to be operational as soon as possible and consequently to lift the checks at the internal borders for the new Member States, the legislative instruments have to be adopted by the Council and the European Parliament quickly.