

Air carrier liability in case of air accidents

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PREVIOUS COMMUNITY LEGISLATION: Commission Regulation 2299/89/EE of 24 July 1989 on a code of conduct for computerized reservation systems (CRS) (OJ No L 220, 29.7.89), as amended by Commission Regulation 3089/93/EEC of 11 December 1993 (OJ No L 278, 11.12.1993), lays down rules applying to such systems when offered for use and/or used in the territory of the Community so as to ensure that air carriers have access to the systems and data processing facilities on an equal and non-discriminatory basis. PREVIOUS POSITION OF THE EP: in adopting the proposal for the amending regulation referred to in paragraph 4, the EP tabled amendments seeking, for example, to extend the principal display to non-scheduled services so as to widen the choice available to consumers, and to have the necessary information made available to carriers participating in the CRS in cases where the internal reservation system of one or more parent carriers is not separated from the CRS; these amendments were adopted by the Commission and Council. SITUATION IN THE MEMBER STATES: 'Interlining' is a system based on an AIT agreement covering most of the world's airlines, all of which have authorized the other signatories to sell their services, which means that travel agents can offer passengers a single ticket entitling them to the services of different carriers. In addition, the airlines grant each other authorization to modify tickets, enabling passengers to change their reservations, routes or airlines after the ticket has been issued. 'Interlining' is a very important part of the international system of air transport.