

Air carrier liability in case of air accidents

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The Committee welcomes the Commission's proposal. It does, however, feel that the Commission's approach needs to be amended, particularly to deal with: - difficulties over the advance payment provision; - legal interpretations over the words "domicile" and "permanent residence"; - the need for proof of fault; - possible effects of higher costs on smaller airlines; - the limitation to EU carriers; - the need to protect the interests of and provide clarity for the user. The Committee feels that these problems must be settled in such a way that the final regulation is able to act as a catalyst for a new, more appropriate world-wide system for the benefit of the travelling public.