

Air safety: third-country aircrafts using Community airports, SAFA programme

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Of the five amendments adopted by the European Parliament at second reading, the commission accepts two in full, one in part and one in principle. It rejects one amendment. The amendments accepted in full relate to the following: - a two-year period for the transposition of the directive; - four years for the publication of a report by the Commission on the application of the directive. Furthermore, the Commission accepts the amendment which aims to give more specific requirements for the content of the annual public report on the inspection programme that the Commission will issue. However, the requirement that this report will be open to only one interpretation is not acceptable as interpretation is always subjective. The commission accepts in principle the amendment relating to redressing the weakening of its position when proposing measures against operators or States which do not apply international safety standards. However, it proposes a different form of wording in order to be consistent with the comitology procedure. Finally, the amendment relating to the European Safety Agency is rejected.