Noise pollution: noise classification of civil subsonic aircraft, calculation of noise charges

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The committee adopted the report by Hans BLOKLAND (EDD, NL) amending the proposal under the codecision procedure (1st reading). It wanted to ensure that, under the formula retained for calculating noise charges, a wider range of decibels was covered so that "the culprits responsible for the most noise will pay more". The committee also felt that it should be possible to levy different noise charges for different times of the day. The report further called for consideration to be given, in future, to the possibility of measuring noise levels in situ near aerodromes to reflect the actual operating conditions and thus the noise nuisance actually perceived by people living close by. Lastly, the committee wanted to extend the deadline for implementing the new system of noise charges from 1 April 2003 to 1 April 2004, to allow airport operators more time in which to adjust to the new legal framework.