Transports: computerised reservation systems CRSs, code of conduct (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2299/89). Report included

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Rijk VAN DAM (I-EN, NL) on the Commission proposal seeking to amend Council Regulation 2299/89 on a code of conduct for computerised reservation systems (CRS) in the field of air transportation (cooperation procedure, second reading). These systems provide information concerning airline schedules and fares as well as other servies to millions of EU air travellers. They also provide for the automatic confirmation of reservations and the automatic issuing of tickets and relevant vouchers. As there had been many complaints about the rules from airlines and consumer bodies, the Commission had proposed to revise the CRS.Main elements of the revision are that travel agents will be brought directly under the scope of the present code of conduct and that the scope of that code will be extended to allow rail services (especially high speed trains) to be integrated into the system's primary displays. The charging policy will be subject to stricter conditions. In its common position, the Council had incorporated most of the rapporteur's amendments. Therefore, no new amendments have been tabled.