Freedom of movement: elimination of controls on persons crossing internal frontiers

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1) OBJECTIVE To abolish all customs controls and formalities for persons crossing internal frontiers of the European Union. 2) SUBSTANCE 1. This proposal abolishes all customs controls and formalities for persons crossing internal frontiers of the European Union. 2. "Internal frontiers" are deemed to be a Member State's frontier within the Community, in other words: * the Member States' common land frontiers, including the rail or road terminals for links by bridge or tunnel between Member States; * their airports for intra-Community flights; * their seaports for intra-Community sea crossings. 3. "Frontier control or formality" means: * any control applied, in connection with or on the occasion of the crossing of an internal frontier, by the public authorities of a Member State or by other persons, under the national legislation of a Member State (such as the controls carried out by carriers); * any formality imposed on a person in connection with the crossing of an internal frontier and to be fulfilled on the occasion of such crossing. 4. In the event of a serious threat to public policy or public security, a safeguard clause enables any Member State to maintain the controls at its frontiers within the Community temporarily. Source: European Commission - Info92 - 10/95