Air transport safety: third countries aircraft using Community airports

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The Commission's amended proposal takes over almost all the amendments adopted by Parliament where they are consistent with the purpose of the proposed measures, namely to contribute to the improvement of air safety: - by inspecting third countries aircraft whenever there is a suspicion that they are not operating in accordance with international safety standards, - by collecting and disseminating information relating to shortcomings, so that sufficient evidence can be established to decide on measures required to ensure the safety of passengers, - by providing for measures to rectify identified shortcomings. These amendments are essentially intended to specify a number of details in the proposed provisions and the categories of aircraft which should be subject to ramp inspections, to publish information on the results of these inspections and to provide for the drawing-up by the Commission of a report on the operation of the Directive, possibly accompanied by proposals for revising it. The Commission could not, however, accept the amendment calling for the deletion of one article in the proposal which provides for the imposition by the Member States of penalties for breaches of national provisions adopted pursuant to the directive.