

Air transport: common rules for civil aviation security

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PURPOSE : to establish and implement appropriate Community measures, in order to prevent acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Regulation 2320/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules in the field of civil aviation security. **CONTENT** : this Regulation, adopted in the framework of the fight against terrorism adopted following the 11 September 2001 attacks in the United States, was approved by an exchange of letters with the Parliament in accordance with the codecision procedure. In order to achieve the objectives of this Regulation , each Member State should adopt a national civil aviation security programme, as well as a corresponding quality control programme and a training programme. The following conditions are applicable: - as regards screening measures for security-restricted areas at airports : all staff, including flight crew, are to be screened before being allowed access to a restricted area. Where this is not practicable, they are to be subjected to random screening, which will also cover all items carried on board aircraft; - one year after the entry into force of the Regulation, all staff and all items will be screened before being allowed access to the most critical areas within airports. By 1 July 2004 the Commission will adopt implementing measures which will be fully applicable at the latest five years after that date. In a statement concerning the funding of security measures, adopted in conjunction with the Regulation, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission recognise the diversity of situations existing in Member States and the need to avoid the distortions of competition which might result. They take account of the fact that the Commission will give favourable consideration to public funding of additional security measures. The Commission will undertake a study which will address in particular the way that funding is shared between the public authorities and the operators, without prejudice to the distribution of competences between the Member States and the European Union, and will submit proposals to the Parliament and Council if necessary. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 19/01/2003.