

# **External borders: recognition by new Member States and Schengen States of residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein as equivalent to their national visas for the purpose of transit (Regulation (EC) No 539/2001)**

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The committee adopted the report by Michael CASHMAN (PES, UK) on the proposed decision establishing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by the Member States of certain residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein for the purpose of transit through their territory. MEPs adopted a number of technical amendments - under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure - adding various legislative references to the recitals and making it clear that the proposal is transitional in nature and will apply until the provisions of Article 21 of the Schengen Convention are put into effect for Switzerland and Liechtenstein.