

Basic information

2023/0437(COD)

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Regulation

Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading

Transport: enforcement of passenger rights in the Union

Amending Regulation 2004/261 [2001/0305\(COD\)](#)
Amending Regulation 2006/1107 [2005/0007\(COD\)](#)
Amending Regulation 2011/181 [2008/0237\(COD\)](#)
Amending Regulation 2010/1177 [2008/0246\(COD\)](#)
Amending Regulation 2021/782 [2017/0237\(COD\)](#)

Subject

3.20.01 Air transport and air freight
3.20.02 Rail transport: passengers and freight
3.20.03 Maritime transport: passengers and freight
3.20.04 Inland waterway transport
3.20.05 Road transport: passengers and freight
4.60.06 Consumers' economic and legal interests

Key players

European
Parliament

Committee responsible

TRAN Transport and Tourism

Rapporteur

RICCI Matteo (S&D)

Appointed

16/09/2024

Former committee responsible

TRAN Transport and Tourism

Former rapporteur

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Appointed

14/02/2024

Committee for opinion

IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Rapporteur for opinion

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Appointed

02/10/2024

Former committee for opinion

EMPL Employment and Social Affairs

Former rapporteur for opinion

The committee decided not to give an opinion.


Appointed

IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection

JURI Legal Affairs





The committee decided not to give an opinion.

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Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Mobility and Transport	VĂLEAN Adina	
European Economic and Social Committee			
European Committee of the Regions			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/11/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0753 	Summary
08/02/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
13/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/06/2025	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
24/06/2025	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
04/07/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0136/2025	Summary
07/07/2025	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
09/07/2025	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71)		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/0437(COD)
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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165

Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
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Committee dossier	TRAN/10/00285

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE768.111	20/02/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE771.913	01/04/2025	
Committee opinion	IMCO	PE766.984	23/05/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0136/2025	04/07/2025	Summary
European Commission				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal		COM(2023)0753 	29/11/2023	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		SWD(2023)0386 	30/11/2023	
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Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CE5130/2023	20/03/2024	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
EP Research Service	Briefing	24/09/2024
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

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NOVAKOV Andrey	18/04/2024	Ryanair Holdings

Transport: enforcement of passenger rights in the Union

2023/0437(COD) - 04/07/2025 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Matteo RICCI (S&D, IT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) No 261/2004, (EC) No 1107/2006, (EU) No 1177/2010, (EU) No 181/2011 and (EU) 2021/782 as regards enforcement of passenger rights in the Union.

The competent committee recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading by amending the Commission's proposal as follows.

As a reminder, the proposal seeks to revise regulations on passenger rights to address shortcomings in implementation and enforcement which are preventing passengers from fully benefiting from these rights.

The proposed amendments concern the following:

Extraordinary circumstances

To reduce the margin for interpretation as to what constitutes extraordinary circumstances that would allow airlines to deny compensation, a defined list of exceptions is laid down in Annex IIa, such as natural disasters, war, weather conditions or unforeseen labour disputes (excluding strikes by airline staff).

Transfer of tickets

The report suggested that passengers who, for exceptional reasons (such as death or serious medical problems), are no longer able to make a journey they have booked, should be entitled to request a change in the name of the ticket holder. Notification provided at least 72 hours prior to the flight should in all cases be considered reasonable and shall not be subject to any additional charge according to the new amendments.

Reduced mobility or special needs

Members considered that the rights of persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility should be prioritised. Families with young children are also recognised within this framework, ensuring equitable treatment and the availability of reasonable assistance.

According to the report, in cases of denied boarding, cancellation, delays of any length and missed flight due to a lack of airport assistance services, persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility and any persons accompanying them, as well as unaccompanied children, should all have the right to compensation, reimbursement or re-routing and the right to care as soon as possible.

Infants of less than 24 months and children under 12 years old should be considered special category of passengers (SCP) in accordance with the EU air safety legislation under Regulation 965/2012. **Allocation of seats for infants** with the accompanying passenger and for children under 12 years old next to the accompanying passenger, made under the same booking, should be provided free of charge by the air carrier.

Right to personal item and hand luggage

Passengers should always have the right to a carry-on board one personal item, such as a small bag, handbag, backpack or laptop bag under the condition that it can be safely stowed under the seat in front of the passenger. Air carriers should not charge the passenger any supplement or additional fees on top of the price of the flight ticket for this personal item. It is mandatory that carriers provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible information on the weight and dimension requirements for the personal item at the time of booking and after the booking is completed, ensuring passengers are fully informed before their journey.

Moreover, passengers should always have the right to carry on board, one piece of hand luggage. The hand luggage should not be subject to price supplement on the price of the flight ticket within the maximum dimensions of **100 cm** (sum of length, width, and height) and maximum weight of **7 kilos**. Air Carriers may apply different provisions regarding additional or larger hand luggage.

Obligation to inform passengers of their rights

The airport managing body and operating air carrier should ensure that at check-in, online and at the boarding gate, a **clearly legible notice** containing the following text is displayed in a manner clearly visible to passengers: "If you are denied boarding or if your flight is cancelled or delayed for at least two hours at departure, or of more than 3 hours at arrival at your final destination, ask at the check-in counter or boarding gate for the text stating your rights, particularly with regard to compensation and assistance".

Contact points

It is proposed that air carriers should set up, at each airport where they operate, **contact points** at which they should ensure the **presence of contact personnel** or a third parties commissioned by the air carrier concerned, to provide passengers with the necessary information regarding their rights, including complaint procedures, to assist them and to take immediate action in the event of cancelled or delayed flights, denied boarding and lost or delayed baggage. During the air carriers operating hours and until the last passengers disembark from the last plane, those contact points should be available for the purpose of assisting passengers inter alia concerning reimbursement, re-routing, rebooking and of accepting the lodging of their complaints.

Intermediaries

The proposed amendments clarify the role of intermediaries (ticket vendors or retailers) in reimbursing air passengers for cancellations, long delays or denied boarding. Members called for these companies to inform passenger at the time of booking about the full cost of an air ticket, intermediation or service fees, and the reimbursement process, which should not take longer than 14 days. Should an intermediary fail to respect this deadline, it would be up to the air carrier to process the reimbursement within seven days.

Common form for compensation and reimbursement requests

When a passenger has a right to compensation from the air carrier, the air carrier should send to the passenger in a written form, within 48 hours, the information about the presence or absence of extraordinary circumstances and provide access to a **pre-filled common form**.

Complaint-handling

Members considered that each carrier and terminal operator should set up an **accessible complaint-handling mechanism** for the rights and obligations covered by this Regulation in their respective fields of responsibility. At the time of booking, they should provide information to passengers on the complaint handling processes and the relevant time limits.

Transport: enforcement of passenger rights in the Union

2023/0437(COD) - 29/11/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to revise the Passenger Rights regulatory framework

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: a number of amendments should be made to Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights, Regulation (EC) No 1107/2006 concerning the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air, Regulation (EU) No 1177/2010 concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway, Regulation (EU) No 181/2011 concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and Regulation (EU) 2021/782 on rail passengers' rights and obligations of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to ensure effective protection of passengers' rights in the Union when travelling by air, rail, sea and inland waterways and bus and coach transport.

Simplification, consistency and harmonisation of the abovementioned Regulations is required especially as regards rules dealing with the information to passengers on their rights before and during the journey, enforcement of passenger rights and complaint handling for passengers. The existing rules in those Regulations should be amended to complement those of the recently adopted as regards forms to request reimbursements and compensation, service quality standards, obligations for carriers to share information with national enforcement bodies, and information of passengers by national enforcement bodies on alternative dispute resolution.

The revision of the Passenger Rights regulatory framework will help to **incentivise the use of collective modes of transport** and consequently also to implement the Green Deal.

CONTENT: the Commission is proposing to revise the Regulations on Passenger Rights to address shortcomings in implementation and enforcement which are preventing passengers from fully benefiting from these rights. It aims to address these shortcomings by strengthening the enforcement mechanisms and introducing rules for air passengers who booked their flights via an intermediary, including on reimbursement.

The proposal contains provisions concerning:

- the **reimbursement** when tickets were booked via an intermediary: where the passenger has bought a ticket through an intermediary, the operating air carrier may make the reimbursement through that intermediary. The passenger should be informed of the reimbursement process in a clear, comprehensible and easily accessible manner at the time of booking and on the booking confirmation. Reimbursement through the intermediary shall be free of charge for passengers and all other parties concerned. The air carrier should reimburse the intermediary within **seven days**, in one transaction through the same payment method which was used at the time of booking, and linking the payment to the original booking reference. The intermediary should reimburse the passenger via the original payment method, at the latest within a further seven days, and inform the passenger and the air carrier thereof;

- improving **information** to passengers on their rights at the time of booking and during journey disruptions should lead to enhanced awareness. Such information should be concise and made easily, prominently, and directly available. It should be provided in a clear and comprehensible manner, and by electronic means as far as possible;

- service quality standards: air carriers and airport managing bodies should establish service quality standards and implement a quality management system to maintain service quality;

- a **common form for reimbursement and compensation requests**: the Commission should adopt an implementing act establishing a common form for compensation and reimbursement requests. That common form should be established in a format which is accessible to persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility;

- risk-based approach to the **monitoring** of compliance: the national enforcement bodies should develop a compliance monitoring programme to monitor compliance of carriers, terminal operators, port authorities, travel agents, tour operators and ticket vendors with the obligations laid down in this Regulation based on a risk assessment. The programme should allow for the detection and correction of recurrent non-compliance in the implementation of passenger rights;

- **sharing of information** with national enforcement bodies and information about alternative dispute resolution ADR by national enforcement bodies;

- cooperation between Member States and the Commission and Passenger Rights Committee;

- means of **communication to passengers**: where information is provided by electronic means of communication, carriers, terminal operators, port authorities, travel agents, tour operators and ticket vendors should ensure that the passenger can keep any written correspondence, including the date and time of such correspondence, on a durable medium. All means of communication should enable the passenger to contact them quickly and communicate efficiently.