Basic information

2024/0051(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Canada Agreement: transfer and processing of passenger name record (PNR) data **Subject** 1.20.09 Protection of privacy and data protection 3.20.01 Air transport and air freight 6.40.11 Relations with industrialised countries 7.30 Police, judicial and customs cooperation in general	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	MINCHEV Nikola (Renew)	05/12/2024
	Shadow rapporteur VOSS Axel (EPP) SIPPEL Birgit (S&D) VANNACCI Roberto (PfE) KANKO Assita (ECR) STRIK Tineke (Greens/EFA) DEMIREL Özlem (The Left)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

	TRAN Transport and Tourism		
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Migration and Home Affairs	JOHANSSON Ylva	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/03/2024	Preparatory document	COM(2024)0095	Summary
10/10/2024	Legislative proposal published	08897/2024	Summary
25/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/02/2025	Vote in committee		
20/02/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0013/2025	
12/03/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0030/2025	Summary
12/03/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/04/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/05/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2024/0051(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 087-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 016-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/10/00357

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE767.911	14/01/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE768.080	03/02/2025	

Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0013/2025	20/02/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0030/2025	12/03/2025	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	08897/2024	10/10/2024	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2024)0094	04/03/2024	
Preparatory document	COM(2024)0095	04/03/2024	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2025/0851
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EU/Canada Agreement: transfer and processing of passenger name record (PNR) data

2024/0051(NLE) - 12/03/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 521 votes to 90, with 45 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between Canada and the European Union on the transfer and processing of Passenger Name Record data (PNR data).

Parliament gave its **consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

The Agreement provides for the transfer of passenger name record data to Canada for the purposes of preventing, detecting, investigating and prosecuting serious crime and terrorism. It ensures full respect for the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, as interpreted by the Court of Justice of the European Union. It also sets out the rules governing the transfer of PNR data to Canada and its use. It prohibits the processing of sensitive data, guarantees individuals the right to access their data and correct errors, and specifies data retention periods, among other provisions.

Onward transfers of PNR data to other government authorities will be subject to appropriate safeguards and, in case of disclosure outside Canada, limited to countries which have concluded a comparable Agreement with the EU or are subject to an adequacy decision of the Commission.

EU/Canada Agreement: transfer and processing of passenger name record (PNR) data

2024/0051(NLE) - 04/03/2024 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, an agreement between Canada and the European Union on the transfer and processing of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: Canadian legislation requires air carriers operating passenger flights to Canada to provide the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) with PNR data, prior to the passenger arrival to Canada to the extent such data is collected and contained in the air carriers' automated reservation and departure control systems in the normal course of their business. This legislation aims to significantly enhance CBSA's ability to conduct efficient and effective advance travel risk assessment of passengers and to facilitate bona fide travel, thereby enhancing the security of Canada in the fight against terrorism and other serious transnational crime.

The EU cooperates with Canada in the fight against terrorism and other serious transnational crime and considers the transfer of PNR data to Canada as a means to foster international law enforcement cooperation.

The EU and Canada opened new negotiations with the purpose of signing a new PNR Agreement in a manner which respects fundamental rights and the right to data protection and respect for private life.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Commission proposes to the Council to adopt a decision approving the conclusion of the Agreement between Canada and the European Union on the transfer and processing of Passenger Name Record data.

The proposal has two main aims and components, one relating to the necessity of ensuring public security by means of the transfer of PNR data to Canada and the other to the protection of privacy and other fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals.

The specific provisions of the Agreement are as follows:

- the purposes for which PNR data are processed are spelt out clearly and precisely;

- the processing of sensitive data by Canada is prohibited under the Agreement and should Canada receive such data as part of PNR data under the Agreement, deletion is required;

- oversight of Canada's compliance with these rules shall be exercised by independent public authorities;

- individuals are notified of the use of their PNR;

- individuals may access (only) their own PNR data and are provided with the right to correction, redress and information;

- automated processing of PNR data will be based only on non-discriminatory and reliable criteria;

- the maximum retention period of five years will be combined with a requirement to delete the data after passengers’ date of departure, unless a risk assessment indicates that there is a connection based on objective elements from which it may be inferred that the PNR data might make an effective contribution to address the purposes of the Agreement, in addition to the requirement for Canada to review its assessment every two years;

- any use of PNR data for other purposes than security and border control checks will be subject to prior review by a court or an independent authority;

- the onward transfers of PNR data to other government authorities will be subject to appropriate safeguards and, in case of disclosure outside Canada, limited to countries which have concluded a comparable Agreement with the EU or are subject to an adequacy decision of the Commission.

EU/Canada Agreement: transfer and processing of passenger name record (PNR) data

2024/0051(NLE) - 10/10/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, an agreement between Canada and the European Union on the transfer and processing of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Agreement between Canada and the European Union on the transfer and processing of Passenger Name Record data signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date, must now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between Canada and the European Union on the transfer and processing of Passenger Name Record data.

The Agreement provides for the transfer of passenger name record data to Canada for the purposes of preventing, detecting, investigating and prosecuting serious crime and terrorism.

The Agreement ensures full respect for the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, as interpreted by the Court of Justice of the European Union, in particular the right to respect for private and family life , the right to the protection of personal data and the right to an effective remedy and to a fair trial as recognised in Articles 7, 8 and 47, respectively, thereof. In particular, the Agreement includes adequate safeguards for the

protection of personal data transferred under it.

Ireland expressed its wish to take part in the adoption and application of this Decision. Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.