



Press statement
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European Parliament deplores unfair airline baggage policy

The European Travel Retail Council welcomes yesterday's vote at the European Parliament demanding EU legislation that will stop airlines from charging exorbitant sums or refusing passengers to bring on board airport shopping.

The European Parliament yesterday adopted (10 May 2012) Philip Bradbourn MEP's report on the "Future of regional airports and air services in the EU" with an overwhelming majority voting in favour.

The report recognises the negative impact of the one-bag rule on the passenger experience, on airport retail sales and on regional airports that rely heavily on commercial revenue to fund infrastructure and attract airlines.

The adoption of this report reaffirms the European Parliament position which had already been established in an earlier report on proposed changes to air passenger rights legislation adopted in March 2012.

The ETRC fully supports MEPs' call for EU measures to support enhanced air passengers rights and in particular the right to carry their airside airport purchases on board in addition to their baggage allowance.

ETRC President Frank O'Connell said: "I am very pleased that the European Parliament recognised the urgent need to put an end to airlines forcing passengers to pay exorbitant sums to bring airport shopping onboard. Charging up to €40 to bring on board a bag of duty free is grossly unfair upon the passenger and is destroying established airport retailing.

We urge the European Commission to take notice of the European Parliament position when it revises EU legislation on Air Passenger Rights later this year".

Note to editors: the final report on the future of regional airports and air services in the EU (2011/2196(INI)) can be accessed [here](#).

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