



PRESS STATEMENT

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ETRC SUPPORTS PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED BY COMMISSION TO RE-SCHEDULE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS ON CARRY-ON LIQUIDS

On Wednesday, (18 July), the European Commission announced its recommendation for a postponement of the April 2013 deadline for the lifting of present restrictions on the carriage of liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) on board aircraft.

The proposal to amend existing legislation will be brought forward in Autumn 2012 and will be accompanied by a roadmap setting out a revised timeline for the progressive lifting of all restrictions on LAGs at the earliest possible date.

As part of the phased approach agreed by all stakeholders in the Statement of Intent which ETRC signed last week, the Commission recommends that passengers should be able to carry on board all duty free LAGs starting in January 2014, provided that they are screened.

Frank O’Connell, Special Advisor to the ETRC Board, commented; “Whilst the ETRC supports the approach proposed today, it remains to be confirmed that technology will be sufficiently advanced, be operationally effective and be ready to be implemented at EU airports to meet the proposed revised deadline of 2014. The current arrangements for EU and Third Country STEBS within SRAs should of course continue to operate alongside all the phases required to reach the full lifting of LAGs restrictions. In the meantime, we look forward to working together with all stakeholders for a successful implementation of the 2014 deadline once the roadmap has been published.”

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