



Travel Retail industry welcomes adoption of new EU aviation security measures and calls for return to 'business as usual' as quickly as possible

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The European Commission today adopted a new range of airport security measures to be introduced at European airports, which include;

- Airport retailing after the security check is **business as usual** with no restrictions on passenger purchasing,
- Airport retailing situated airside but before the security check, will be **business as usual** but with purchases placed in sealed transparent bags.
- Goods bought by transfer passengers or by passengers on the outward leg of a same-day return journey will be placed in sealed bags, which will be recognised as secure within all EU airports. These goods can therefore be carried by the passenger in addition to the personal liquid items that can be brought through security screening.

ETRC President Frank O'Connell said:

"We welcome the rules agreed today as being both pragmatic and necessary. Security has been improved to meet new threats, whilst the impact upon the passenger experience at the airport has been kept to a minimum.

We now call upon European countries to fully implement these rules as quickly and as smoothly as possible in order to ensure minimum confusion for the passenger. To ensure passenger confidence, we need to make sure that they face the same procedures at all airports, not a plethora of different rules developed in isolation by individual security authorities. Today's decision by the European Commission is a major step forward in that regard.

We are also particularly happy that these rules have been drawn up with the full agreement of the US Transportation Security Administration, which led to the lifting of the recent aircraft gate delivery obligation for all liquid sales made after the security check to US bound passengers. The ETRC would hope that now a common security framework has been agreed, such unilaterally imposed measures will be a thing of the past "

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The European Travel Retail Council represents the interests of companies retailing tax and duty free products and services to international air and sea travellers. The organisation works closely with European and international government, regulatory and other stakeholders and is composed of national trade associations made up of over 500 European companies.

The European Travel Retail Council's operations are directed by its supervisory board and carried out by a full-time secretariat headquartered in Paris. For more information about the organisation, please see our website – www.etr.org