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Croatia receives EU approval for transfer passengers carrying LAGs

The ETRC is pleased to announce that the European Commission has today formally adopted a regulation allowing passengers from the six Croatian airports to carry their duty free liquids, aerosols and gels with them through security screening points when transferring to another flight at an EU or EEA airport.

However, Croatia becomes only the second country to be approved by the EU in the 12 months since the original Regulation 915/2007 was adopted in July last year.

Commenting on this decision, ETRC President Frank O'Connell welcomed the adoption of the regulation and approval of Croatia's airports but expressed continued disappointment that they are only the second country to be approved.

"I welcome Commissioner Tajani's comment in their press statement that he looks forward to swiftly adding more third countries onto this list (of approved countries)" said O'Connell, "together with the Commission's hope that with the active co-operation of other countries that have applied for recognition, many more airport's customers will be exempted from prohibition of carrying liquids on-board connecting flights in the near future. The ETRC will continue to work closely with the Commission and the industry to realise this objective."

We now await the publication of the regulation on Croatia in the Official Journal, which will take around 10 - 14 days due to the requirement for translation into all official EU languages. The regulation will then enter into force 20 days after publication, so passengers should be free to transfer with their duty free purchases from early September.

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