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ETRC and High-Level European Parliament delegation meet Commissioner Tajani on future airport security policy

ETRC Chairman, Frank O'Connell met with Vice President of the European Commission and Transport Commissioner, Antonio Tajani yesterday to discuss future EU security policy on liquids and gels and its impact upon the duty free industry.

Accompanying Frank O'Connell to the meeting were senior MEPs from all the major political groups of the European Parliament.

The main issue discussed was the so called European Commission Roadmap for the lifting of liquids restrictions in European airports. ETRC is keen to ensure that there is no unnecessary delay in solving the problems for passengers entering the EU who purchase liquids from duty free shops.

Commissioner Tajani informed the group that he and his officials were working hard towards a solution, and that he planned to fully consult with all sides of industry and with the European Parliament prior to taking any decisive action. The Commissioner invited the ETRC to participate fully in any consultation process.

Solving the duty free problem is still one of his main priorities, and that passenger facilitation and getting business back to normal will be fundamental to any future legislation.

Frank O'Connell said; "Today's meeting was extremely constructive and we are grateful to Vice President Tajani and his officials for the continuing priority they give to our issue. I offered the Commissioner the full co-operation of the ETRC in the consultation process and in early September the ETRC will make concrete proposals on how to solve this problem."

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