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to the Commission**
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Subject: Consistency and transparency of rules and procedures concerning airport security checks on passengers

European airports served almost 2 billion passengers in 2016. Sadly, I have been informed by passengers – i.e. the consumers of airport services – that flights are often delayed, and that passengers often face additional stress owing to the major differences between security procedures at different European airports.

For instance, in some airports it is possible to put liquids and cosmetics into two or three plastic bags, while other airports strictly apply the rule on putting such items into only one plastic bag. Another thorny issue for passengers is the unjustifiable confiscation of goods bought in non-European airports and packed in accordance with international standards, which are identical to European standards. Despite this, such goods are often seized at European airports – much to the consternation of passengers. Consequently, passengers are facing significant financial losses. Reportedly, some airports allow passengers to carry food items such as soft cheeses, while others confiscate them. This all leads to chaos, uncertainty and confusion among passengers, especially when numerous transfers are involved.

Given the need to protect the rights of consumers of airport services, could the Commission say what steps it plans to take to ensure that rules are made clear and that passenger security procedures are consistent at airports throughout Europe?