

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0269/00  
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to the Council

Subject: Schengen-area border checks at Schiphol airport

A case has been reported of a Netherlands national who was required by the Netherlands airline KLM to show a valid passport as proof of identity on an intra-Schengen flight from Amsterdam to Rome.

1. On what provisions of the Schengen Treaty is the requirement to show a valid passport based?
2. Are there not other travel documents or proofs of identity that are recognised by European Union Member States as sufficient for travel between Schengen countries? If so, what are they?
3. Do other national Schengen-country airlines, such as Sabena, Air France or Lufthansa, also ask for a valid passport, or do they also accept other proof of identity?
4. If the arrangements applied were in accordance with the rules in force, is the Council prepared to change those rules so that other proofs of identity can be accepted?