

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5594/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Airport safety regulations on liquids in hand luggage

The new airport safety regulations on liquids in hand luggage apply to 100ml containers.

There are however no 100ml containers for liquids in Europe, the smallest unit being 125ml in the fields of medicine and sanitation, which can cause great discomfort for many passengers (such as contact-lense wearers).

What was the reason behind the Commission passing such impractical regulations?

In the FBI's study on the dangers of liquid explosives, which is the basis of the EU's safety regulation, the quantities were approximate and not exactly 100ml.

Furthermore, as there is no competition for in-flight sales, drink prices are likely to rise.

Can the Commission guarantee that sufficient free water will be made available on airplanes for EU citizens? According to health experts, 'sufficient' means 1-2 litres according to the length of the flight.