

**Question for written answer E-002085/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The requirement to submit prior permission requests for all general aviation flights to Lithuania and EU sanctions against Russia

The Lithuanian authorities (through State Enterprise Lithuanian Airports – LTOU) have introduced the requirement that general aviation (GA) flights to Kaunas, Palanga or Vilnius international airports need obtain a prior permission request (PPR). All non-scheduled flights intending to land at these airports are required to provide a wealth of data at least 24 hours in advance. The aim is to enforce EU sanctions against Russia under Regulation (EU)2022/334.

According to the Lithuanian GA community the measures being applied: (a) do not achieve their intended goals (e.g. they do not apply to all other airfields of Lithuania); (b) unreasonably hinder GA activity, as pilots have to file the same information they already submit in their flight plans and wait for permission; and (c) are not provided for in the Regulation.

Given this:

1. Can the aforementioned restrictions for all GA flights to Lithuania be considered suitable for achieving the goals of the Regulation?
2. Can the restrictions introduced by LTOU be considered to achieve their goals, given that there is a plethora of loopholes in these new requirements?
3. Has the Commission prepared a collection of best practices on the implementation of the Regulation?

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