Question for written answer E-000091/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Clare Daly (The Left)

Subject: Modern crew alert system requirement for all variant models of Boeing 737 Max aircraft

In December 2022, the US Congress exempted the Boeing 737 Max 7 and 10 variants from the requirement to install a modern crew alert system. The whole Boeing 737 Max generation has been allowed to continue operating a decentralised warning system at a 1977 standard. This backsliding on safety contradicts the recommendations issued by the US National Transportation Safety Board following twin international Boeing 737 Max 8 crash investigations, which were codified into US law in 2020. The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), as a member of the international Joint Authorities Technical Review group, must step in and stop this exemption to protect the public interest.

- 1. When is the EASA planning to officialise the requirement that a new modern crew alert system (compliant with the US Aircraft Safety & Certification Reform Act of 2020) be retrofitted to all variant models of the Boeing 737 Max generation of aircraft?
- 2. Why is the Boeing 737 Max not even required to have an engine indicating and crew alerting system (EICAS), which is standard on essentially all modern airliners?

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