

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3233/10  
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to the Commission

Subject: Volcanic eruption in Iceland

During the last legislature rules were introduced (Regulation (EC) No 261/2004<sup>1</sup>) in order to compensate aircraft passengers for cancellation, late departures and other inconveniences.

Following the eruption of the volcano in Iceland on 15 April 2010, which caused the airspace throughout the greater part of the EU to be shut down, as well as the refusal by many major airline companies to reroute stranded passengers, including myself, or to pay out any amounts in compensation, what meaningful action is the Commission contemplating in the light of the abovementioned rules?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 46, 17.2.2004, p. 1.