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**Information for carriers**

Two Regulations of the European Parliament and of Council were adopted on 30 November 2017 and 12 September 2018

* Regulation (EU) 2018/1240 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 September 2018 establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and amending Regulations (EU) No 1077/2011, (EU) No 515/2014, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2016/1624 and (EU) 2017/2226
* Regulation (EU) 2017/2226 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2017 establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third-country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes, and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 767/2008 and (EU) No 1077/2011

Under both of these regulations, carriers will have to ask the EES (air carriers) and ETIAS (air and bus/coach carriers) whether the passenger meets the entry conditions into the European Union.

More information on EES and ETIAS can be found below:

<https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/policies/schengen-borders-and-visa/smart-borders_cs>

EES replaces the manual stamping of travel documents with an electronic record of entry and exit of passengers. Carriers will therefore have to verify if third-country nationals travelling to the EU on a short-term visa have not exceeded number of authorised entries or if visa-free foreigners have not exceeded authorised stay.

Once the ETIAS system is also operational, carriers will have to verify if passengers with visa-exemption have a valid travel permission.

If a carrier fails to carry out the checks prescribed above and transports a passenger into the territory of EU Member States who does not meet the entry conditions, it exposes itself to the possibility of sanctions under the applicable legislation.

To be able to consult the relevant files in both systems, the carrier must be registered with the European Large-Scale Information Systems Agency (euLISA) and meet also other technical conditions for accessing each service. euLISA has set up a website

<https://www.eulisa.europa.eu/Organisation/GoverningBodies/Pages/Working-Group-for-Carriers.aspx>

which will provide you with all the relevant information you need to operate cross-border transport of passengers in accordance with the applicable legislation.

As the EES is expected to become operational in autumn 2022, it is in each carrier's own interest to familiarise themselves with the new conditions and make the necessary administrative and technical arrangements as soon as possible.

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