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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission relaunched the review¹ of the Air Services Regulation in May 2025 and the impact assessment process is currently ongoing. A legislative proposal is expected to be presented in the second half of 2026. The aim is to ensure that the EU internal aviation market continues to be consumer-centric, affordable, reliable, socially and environmentally sustainable and globally competitive.

In terms of the issue raised by the Honourable Member, this review is considering clarifications and/or amendments to the current regime for temporary flight restrictions on environmental grounds.

In accordance with Article 30(8)b of the EU ETS (Emissions Trading System) Directive², the Commission will assess in 2026 the climate impact of the exempted small operators and propose a way to appropriately reduce these impacts.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14620-Aviation-EU-air-services-rules-revision-en>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32003L0087>.