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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
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1. Regulation (EU) No 598/2014¹ (hereafter the ‘Regulation’) requires a balancing of economic and environmental interests when Member States implement noise related measures at airports. The noise situation should be regularly assessed, and Member States may implement measures including operating restrictions.

2. The Regulation refers to the method, indicators and noise information to be provided when Member States intend to implement noise-related operating restrictions. Another very important element of the process is carrying out appropriate stakeholder consultations and the cost-efficiency. All elements should allow a thorough analysis on which measures are needed to achieve the desired noise objective.

3. On 5 March 2025, the Commission adopted its decision² on the notified operating restrictions for Schiphol airport, which is publicly available.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/598/oj/eng>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32025D0519>.