

Air Passenger Blacklist Considered

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The Federation Council is currently looking into a proposal to introduce a blacklist of airline passengers who have previously caused trouble on flights.

Alexander Torshin, vice speaker of the chamber, told Interfax that Russia should introduce a blacklist for passengers who have misbehaved aboard flights, similar to the blacklists that exist in the West for football hooligans.

"We need to combine a blacklist system with imposing tougher legislation against hooliganism on board flights," Torshin added.

Torshin proposed a system in which a person who has been blacklisted has the right to appeal that decision in court to avoid situations where "two airline attendants simply did not like you and filed a complaint against you."

If implemented, the new legislation would see repeat offenders permanently barred

from flying.

A new government proposal to ban all alcoholic products purchased in duty free shops on flights has also come under Torshin's scrutiny due to the fact that many people drink alcohol to cope with their fear of flying.

Torshin said there should be a balanced and humane approach coupled with improving service standards of airline attendants because there have been incidents when airline employees provoked aggressive behavior.

Reports of Russian passengers causing problems on flights are not uncommon. An early morning flight from Moscow to London last August was forced to turn back about 15 minutes after takeoff because of a 39-year-old drunken woman's erotic dancing.

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