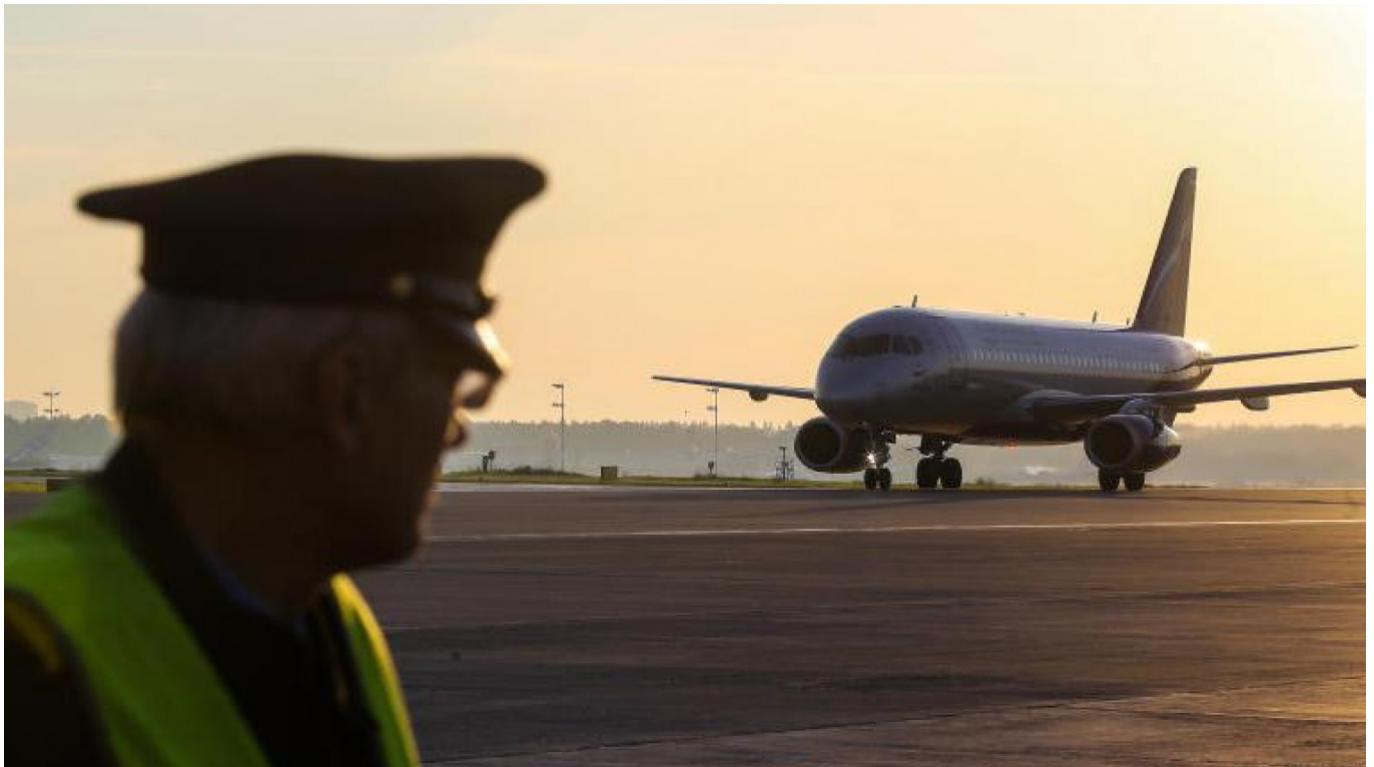# Russia's Aeroflot to Ban Travel for 300,000 'Blacklist Passengers'

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Russian state airline Aeroflot will⊠soon be able to refuse to transport more than 300,000⊠passengers on the company's internal blacklist, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

Russian President Vladimir Putin gave⊠the go-ahead on Thursday during a meeting with Aeroflot's general director Vitaly Savelyev.

Savelyev said that⊠similar measures were already in place at European airlines.

He also proposed⊠raising the maximum fine for unruly passengers to 500,000 rubles ($8,000), and⊠even introducing prison sentences of up to 20 years if a member of⊠the crew is injured by an onboard scuffle.

Savelyev previously spoke out against problem⊠passengers in June, asking that crew members be granted greater powers⊠to handcuff and tightly restrain rowdy passengers.

Speaking at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, Savelyev said that airline staff were only able tie down out-of-control passengers with blankets.