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CODEC 1167 LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS Subject: REGULATION OF
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No
261/2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of
denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights and Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on air
carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air

(47) Musical instruments can be of immense monetary, artistic and historical value. Moreover, musical instruments are the tools of musicians' trade used regularly for rehearsal and performance and cannot be easily replaced. Therefore, passengers should be entitled to carry musical instruments into the cabin under their own responsibility, provided those instruments respect capacity, safety and security rules and the air carrier's maximum baggage allowance policy. When capacity, safety and security requirements are fulfilled, the air carrier should endeavour to allow passengers to carry musical instruments on additional seats, provided that the corresponding fares have been paid. In such a case, the passengers and musical instruments should be seated on adjacent seats, and the musical instrument seated on a window seat. Where this is not possible, musical instruments should, where possible, be carried under the appropriate conditions in the cargo compartment of the aircraft. Therefore, Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 should be amended accordingly.

Article 6c 1. A Union air carrier shall permit a passenger to carry a musical instrument in the passenger cabin of an aircraft subject to applicable security and safety rules and the technical specifications and constraints of the aircraft concerned. Musical instruments shall be accepted for carriage within an aircraft cabin provided that those instruments can be stowed safely in a suitable baggage compartment within the cabin or under an appropriate passenger seat. Musical instruments shall form part of a passenger's unchecked baggage allowance. The air carrier may give passengers the possibility to carry another piece of hand baggage in addition to that allowance, subject to possible additional charges.

2. Subject to applicable security and safety rules, where a musical instrument is too large to be stowed safely in a suitable baggage compartment within the cabin or under an appropriate passenger seat, an air carrier may request the payment of a second fare where such musical instruments are carried as unchecked baggage on a second seat. Such second fare shall not be subject to the payment of taxes referred to in Article 23(1), point (b), Article 23(1), point (c), and Article 23(1), point (d), of Regulation 1008/2008. The passenger and the musical instrument shall be seated on adjacent seats and the musical instrument seated on a window seat. Where available and if requested, musical instruments shall be carried in a heated part of an aircraft cargo hold subject to applicable safety rules, space constraints and the technical specifications of the aircraft concerned;