



A Guide to the EU Blacklist

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In 2006, the European Commission barred a group of air carriers from operating in the European Union and from entering the airspace of any EU member state. Known as the "EU Blacklist," this prohibition initially was based on bans already in force in member states, and in response to the crash of an aircraft operated by Cyprus's Helios Airways near Athens that killed 121 people. This article details the history of the EU Blacklist, identifies potential red flags, and outlines the consequences of a prohibition and ways in which airlines can be removed from the list. The article also highlights recent changes to the EU Blacklist, notes the list status of certain airlines and countries, and offers analysis on the EU's aviation policy.

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