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Toxic cabin air: German Transport Minister action

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After decades of denial, the transport minister of a serving government has now called for urgent action to prevent toxic fume incidents in airliners.

Germany's Transport Minister Peter Ramsauer has written to the EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas asking for action from the European Aviation Safety Agency to come up with a solution to prevent the increasing number of reported incidents, nine of which were judged by the German accident investigator BFU to be high risk.

Germany is the only country officially admitting that this issue even exists, and this is by virtue of its mandatory reporting system and increasing restlessness among German pilots and cabin crew who are worried about their health in both the short and the long term.

This subject will not go away. The industry, which is quietly preparing to do something about it but keep putting it off the evil day, will soon have to act. What Germany is trying to do, quite naturally, is to get EASA to make decisions so that Germany does not have to act alone. Once EASA acts, the rest of the world will have to follow.

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