Transfer of security management tasks from 2023

With effect from January 1, 2023, the Federal German authorities will transfer responsibility for the organization, management and performance of aviation security (Section 5, German Act on the Reorganization of Aviation Security Tasks, LuftSiG) at Frankfurt Airport to Fraport AG. The handover is governed by a contract between Fraport AG and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI). When management tasks are transferred to Fraport, BMI remains the most senior aviation security authority in Germany. The Ministry defines the type of security checks to be made, and specifies the devices to be used. Consequently, the staff of the contracted security company will perform the checks on behalf of Fraport AG, but in accordance with the Federal Ministry’s specifications, and under the supervision of the Federal Police. The staff who perform screening must meet the requirements and possess the qualifications defined by the Ministry. The safety of passengers is and remains the top priority.

From January 1, 2023, the Federal German authorities will transfer responsibility for the following to Fraport AG:

– The organization, management and performance of aviation security for passengers and baggage (staff deployment planning, contracting and managing service providers)
– Procurement of checkpoint infrastructure and equipment
– Testing of new technologies in cooperation with the Federal Police
– Calculating corresponding fees and invoicing airlines

Fraport will decide, in compliance with requirements defined by the Federal Police:

– When security lines are opened and closed
– How many staff will be deployed on each line
– Which BMI-certified devices will be procured
– Which BMI-certified devices will be deployed at which checkpoints
– How the security check process will be organized in concrete terms
– Which service providers will be contracted to perform the checks

BMI and the Federal Police retain oversight for all security-related issues. This includes legal and technical oversight and policing tasks:

– Definition of legal framework/requirements for aviation security and performance of quality checks
– Certification of security infrastructure
– Armed protection at security checkpoints and final clearance following detection alarms
– Staff at security checkpoints must meet the requirements and possess the qualifications defined by BMI

Passenger and baggage security checks in accordance with Section 5, LuftSiG

BMI
Federal Police
Fraport
Private service providers