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# Bundestag approves reduction of air traffic tax effective 1 July 2026

**On 21 May 2026, the Bundestag voted to repeal the increase in the air travel tax that had been implemented in May 2024 at the initiative of the “Traffic Light “ Coalition.**

On Thursday, 21 May 2026, the Bundestag voted to repeal the increase in the air traffic tax (enacted as part of the **Second Budget Financing Act**) that had been introduced effective 1 May 2024 at the initiative of the “Traffic Light” Coalition (SPD, the Greens and the FDP). The Finance Committee had issued a recommendation on the federal government’s draft bill for a second act amending the Air Traffic Tax Act after it had adopted the draft bill without amendments on May 20.

The resolution calls for reducing the tax rates for short-, medium-, and long-haul flights between €2.50 and €11.40 per passenger. Specifically:

For short-haul flights: from €15.53 to €13.03.

For medium-haul flights: from €39.34 to €33.01.

For long-haul flights: from €70.83 to €59.43.

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