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EU APPROVAL FOR TRANSATLANTIC JOINT BUSINESS

Iberia, American Airlines and British Airways have received final regulatory approval from the European Commission to enter into a joint business agreement on transatlantic flights. The airlines anticipate that they will receive the final decision on transatlantic anti-trust immunity from the US Department of Transportation (DOT) shortly.

The transatlantic joint business will strengthen competition across the Atlantic by enabling the **one**world alliance to compete on a level playing field with the other global alliances that already have anti-trust immunity. Customers will benefit from easier, seamless and convenient travel to more global destinations with better connections and, improved flight schedules and enhanced frequent flyer benefits.

The airlines plan to launch the transatlantic joint business this autumn.

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