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Spain court cuts prison sentence for King's brother-in-law

- Spain's Supreme Court cut a more-than six-year jail sentence for the King's brother-in-law to five years and 10 months for charges including tax fraud and embezzlement after an appeal, the court said.
- The original ruling by a provincial Majorcan court came after a six-year investigation and amid a slew of corruption cases against politicians and public figures.
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Britain and EU aviation regulators should urgently discuss Brexit plans, trade bodies say

viation is one sector that could be most severely impacted by Brexit, as there is no default fallback option for the industry if there is no agreement on future relations after Britain leaves the EU in March 2019.

With less than a year to go, two aviation trade associations have demanded that negotiators allow the regulators to start technical planning conversations to help provide clarity for different Brexit scenarios.

"The European Aviation Safety
Agency (EASA) and the UK's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) need to urgently begin technical and contingency planning discussions by the June European Council, and separate to the political negotiations," the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) and the ADS Group said in a letter to the EU's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier.

British officials are negotiating with their EU counterparts to agree rules about how a range of sectors will operate after Brexit, including aviation, finance and pharmaceutical firms. They have consulted businesses on their stance but the request for aviation regulators to thrash out the finer details shows the concerns building within the industry.

The letter said there would be a range of actions that EASA and CAA would need to take, whether or not Britain and the EU ratify the withdrawal agreement by the exit date.

BOAT STILL DRIFTING OUT AT SEA

Charity group protests as Italy plans migrant voyage to Spain

• A humanitarian group protested yesterday over Italian plans to make more than 600 migrants sail to Spain, rather than let them disembark immediately in Italy.

Spain agreed on Monday to take in the migrants, who were picked up off the Libyan coast at the weekend and are packed onto an overcrowded rescue boat, after both Italy and Malta denied them access to their ports.

But more than 16 hours after Spain made its offer, the *Aquarius*, which is operated by the charities SOS Mediterranee and Doctors without Borders, was still drifting at sea close to Malta, awaiting instructions over how to proceed.

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