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A Gibraltarian passenger was yesterday refused boarding on an Easyjet flight because the airline would not recognise his identity card as a valid travel document. The flight was from Liverpool to Paris.

The man was told that British people do not have identity cards. The passenger's family, who have been in touch with the Opposition, claim the airline also rung up its office in France to see whether someone with a Gibraltar ID card would be allowed into the country. The answer again was no.

The passenger was not allowed to board the flight and has had to make alternative travel arrangements and seek a refund from Easyjet.

The Opposition consider that it is quite incredible that this kind of incident continues to happen, and this time at a British airport with a British airline.

“This is a matter of serious concern given that Easyjet are taking over GB Airways flights to Gibraltar as from the end of March 2008. They had better get their facts right before then,” said Shadow Minister for Trade and Industry with responsibility for civil aviation Dr Joseph Garcia.

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