

**Question for written answer E-011404/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Tax on polluting emissions from commercial aviation in Catalonia

In December 2013, the Catalan Government announced that it would be levying a tax on nitrogen oxide emissions produced by commercial aviation in Catalonia. In February 2014, it passed a law creating three new environmental taxes, including one on polluting emissions from commercial aircraft on take-off, landing and taxiing.

Spain's markets and competition authority, the CNMC, has drawn up a report on the tax, warning about the distortion of competition caused and about the risk that state aid might be involved.

What is the Commission's opinion of the effectiveness of the tax concerned?

Does the Commission take the view that the approval of the tax constitutes a breach of EU legislation?