

**Question for written answer E-006842/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Forthcoming measures by Finnair

According to reports in the media¹, the Finnish airline Finnair intends to start weighing their passengers prior to their departure from the airport of Helsinki as part of a pilot project. The initial target is to weigh 100 to 150 passengers at the departure gates with their hand baggage and on a voluntary basis. According to the company, the reading on the scale will only be seen by the staff serving the customer and shall be entered in the database in an anonymous form. The airline points out that up-to-date data on the weight of passengers are important in order to accurately calculate aircraft weight and balance. In addition to the weight, the airline shall gather information on the age of the customer, the gender, the purpose of travel, passenger class and checked baggage.

1. Is the Commission aware of the measures planned by Finnair?
2. Within the scope of its powers, does the Commission consider that there might be an infringement of the right to privacy of air passengers?
3. Again within the scope of its powers, what is the Commission's assessment of the legality of the measures announced by Finnair?

¹ <http://www.lavanguardia.com/ocio/viajes/20171102/432538886070/finnair-pesara-pasajeros-prueba-piloto-voluntaria-helsinki.html>