

**Question for written answer P-008424/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Ryanair ranking pilots on the basis of fuel consumption

The Danish newspaper Berlingske<sup>1</sup> recently gave an account of how Ryanair uses 'fuel league tables' to rank its pilots on the basis of their fuel consumption. The company allegedly does so in order to prevent pilots from taking too much reserve fuel.

Potentially the practice is detrimental to flight safety: it puts pressure on pilots to have as little fuel as possible on board. With regard to the detrimental impact on flight safety of having too little fuel on board, there was a case in point in 2012, when three Ryanair aircraft had to make low-fuel 'Mayday' calls, because they had too little reserve fuel, after being diverted over Spain because of bad weather.

Would the Commission say:

1. whether Ryanair's 'fuel league tables' are contrary to EU rules;
2. what it intends to do to look into and respond to the accusations made against Ryanair.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.business.dk/transport/ryanair-ranglister-piloter-efter-forbrug>