

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3330/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Ryanair and the 'fat tax'

The Irish company Ryanair apparently intends to introduce a tax on passengers' weight. Such a measure would affect the cost of tickets for passengers considered by the company to be too fat. According to Ryanair's proposals, a tax should be introduced for four types of person:

1. those weighing over 130 kg (men) or 100 kg (women);
2. those with waists measuring over 45 inches (men) or 40 inches (women);
3. those with a body mass index (BMI) greater than 40;
4. those whose waists touch both armrests at the same time.

Further to this information, how does the Commission intend to address the issue?

Does it not think that such measures can be an affront to the dignity of passengers, as well as being discriminatory?