

**Question for written answer E-000106/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Ryanair weight fraud

According to the German newspaper *Die Welt*, Ryanair has been providing false information on its aircraft's take-off weight, thus saving EUR 17 per flight in German taxes. This amounts to an annual saving of EUR 370 000. Calculated over the whole of Europe, the saving would amount to EUR 50 million. Ryanair dismisses the *Die Welt* report as speculation. According to the newspaper, this issue has no impact on passenger safety.

1. Is the Commission aware of this problem?
2. What is its view on this issue, both with regard to fair competition and to safety?
3. How will it proceed on this issue? What measures is it considering in this regard?