

**Question for written answer E-002457/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Alleged discrimination against a disabled person by an airline

On 21 August 2023, according to press reports, an Italian engineer who has ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) was unable to board a Ryanair flight from Cagliari to Venice because, unlike other airlines, Ryanair would not allow him to use the medical device he needs to artificially support his breathing during the flight. Furthermore, in a letter sent by the person concerned to the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, it appears that Ryanair did not provide suitable ground handling or re-routing on another flight in the hours immediately following this. In December 2022, there were reports of a similar case concerning a disabled passenger who was denied boarding of her electric wheelchair on an Orio al Serio-Bordeaux flight operated by the same airline.

In view of the above, and if these claims are accurate:

1. Does the Commission hold that these cases were in breach of EU Regulation No 1107/2006 on the rights of disabled passengers, and that it is necessary to make this law more effective when it is updated as provided for in the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030?
2. When does the Commission intend to propose an update of Regulation No 1008/2008 on common rules for the provision of air services in the EU?

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