

ORAL QUESTION H-0379/07
for Question Time at the part-session in June 2007
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Possible age discrimination towards pilots

Are public transport operations such as police helicopters or air ambulances flown by a single pilot within the airspace of a single Member State able under EU law to continue to employ suitably competent and medically certificated people as pilots beyond the age of 60?

Does the UK Air Navigation Order 2005 constitute a breach of the EU age discrimination law? (Reference to Air Navigation Order: Basic Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) (3) He shall not—.....(e) fly such an aeroplane on a flight for the purpose of public transport after he attains the age of 60 years unless the aeroplane is fitted with dual controls and carries a second pilot who has not attained the age of 60 years and who holds an appropriate licence under this Order entitling him to act as pilot in command or co-pilot of that aeroplane;)

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