

ORAL QUESTION H-0864/08
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Commission formal notice on a Code of Conduct for computerised reservation systems

Parliament recently approved the compromise text agreed at first reading with the Council and the Commission on a Code of Conduct for computer reservation systems (CRS) COM(2007)0709, P6_TA(2008)0402. During the debate prior to the adoption of the text, the Commission undertook to draw up and publish in the Official Journal, before the entry into force of the regulation (possibly in March 2009), a formal notice as guidance for the most controversial issue dealt with in the regulation, i.e. the definition of 'parent carrier'.

Has the Commission started to prepare the formal notice on the definition of 'parent carrier'? What are the main qualitative and quantitative criteria that would be used to define 'participation in the capital with rights of representation on the board of directors, supervisory board or any other governing body of a system airport' and 'the possibility of exercising, alone or jointly with others, decisive influence on the running of the business of the system vendor'? How and to what extent will accidental investments not conferring the possibility of exercising, alone or jointly with others, 'decisive influence' on the running of the business be assessed?

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