

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
Form 6-K
May 30, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of May 2008

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland**
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes No ..X..

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**AIR TRAFFIC
CHAOS**

Today, 30th
May
2008

, Italian Air Traffic Control are on strike once again. This is the
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time since January 200
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that Italian Air Traffic Controllers have gone on strike, disrupting the business and holiday plans of millions of
passengers.

Similarly, French Air Traffic Control have gone on strike
seven
times since
January
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. Between them

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the
French and
Italian air traffic control average a strike every
five
weeks. It is
a
disgrace that these State
monopolies

should be permitted to sabotage European aviation, while at the same time the Governments

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which own them impose unjustified penalties on the airlines who are the victims of this State sponsored anarchy.

Other Air Traffic Control providers
might
as well have been on strike

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given the level of inexcusable

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staff shortages
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in UK ATC (NATS) and the Danish ATC (NAVIAIR
) over the past week, or
earlier this year in
Irish Air Traffic Control

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where controllers
tried to

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ld the country to ransom
by
seeking
a 15% pay rise to their €142K
benefits
, simply to be available for requests for overtime.

The same pattern is repeated every year.

Government m
onopoly ATC providers fail to control either their costs or their staff and allow restrictive work practices to ha
ndicap recruitment and training. This inevitably leads
to
long delays
throughout the Summer
. During the quieter
Winter
months these
monopolies claim that
all
problem
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been fixed until
, of course, they are
repeated the following year.

Speaking today, Ryanair's Director of Flight & Ground Operations, David O'Brien said:

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Ryanair passengers enjoy the best service in Europe - the lowest fares, best punctuality and fewest lost bags. It is an outrage that monopoly ATC providers should

be permitted to sabotage the travel plans of

millions of passengers every Summer

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while

increasing the air charges at the same time.

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EU Governments

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failed abysmally to protect

passengers

from the service failures of these over priced monopolies. Instead of taking on the difficult task of challenging over priced,

national

monopolies, the EU has instead wasted time and money

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n meaningless PR stunts

such as their ill advised EU261

regulation.

Ryanair, on behalf of our 60 million passengers, calls on the E

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Commission to:

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Require

monopoly ATC suppliers

to compensate passengers

for

flight delays

. There is no acceptable excuse for the collapse in Air Traffic Control performance

which

occur

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at the beginning of every Summer,

and which is

now being

repeated this Summer

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Prohibit ATC providers from recovering

lost

income lost

due

to strikes

or service failures

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increased

levies on airlines and passengers in subsequent years.

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Allow

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ontrol in order to eliminate the scandal of strikes, delays and service failures which blight European aviation and disrupt the lives of millions of EU passengers.

Ends

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Friday, 30
th
May 2008

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 30 May, 2008

By: ___/s/ James Callaghan___

James Callaghan
Company Secretary & Finance Director