

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
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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 January, 2010

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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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No ..

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**RYANAIR WELCOMES EC FINDING OF
NO STATE AID
IN THE BRATISLAVA INVESTIGATION**

Ryanair, Europe's favourite airline, today (27 Jan '10) welcomed the European Commission's confirmation that Ryanair's agreement with Bratislava airport does not involve any State aid. This decision marks another successful conclusion of a State aid investigation involving Ryanair, in addition to the Charleroi judgment in December 2008.

Following a detailed investigation resulting from a baseless complaint by Sky Europe, the Commission was able to conclude that Ryanair's agreement with Bratislava airport fully complies with the Market Economy Investor Principle. The Commission therefore confirmed that a private airport would have agreed to the same terms of the agreement with Ryanair, with the view to growing traffic and commercial revenues at the airport.

Ryanair's Juliusz Komorek said:

"The Commission's confirmation that Ryanair's agreement with Bratislava airport does not involve any State aid is good news for consumers and regional and secondary airports throughout Europe. It is also

*a welcome development in the Commission's
application of
State aid
rules*

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The decision
confirms that public airports are permitted to offer the same deals to airlines as their private counterparts do, with
the view to attracting traffic and maximising commercial revenues.*

*It further
reflects and affirms the
commercial*

*realit
ies of
the airline
and
airport market
s
following the liberalisation in the 1990s.*

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Ryanair calls on the Commission to close the remaining seven State aid investigations at Alghero, Pau, Lübeck,
Frankfurt Hahn, Berlin Schönefeld, Aarhus and Tampere, and confirm that Ryanair's agreements with these airports
a
re arms-length commercial deals which
do not
involve State aid.
This would remove the damaging
uncertainty
from
the market
, which was initially*

*created
by
spurious complaints by high-fare, fuel-surcharging airlines and their fellow monopoly
-abusing
, consumer-overcharging airports
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Ends.

Wednesday, 27th January 2010

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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: 27 January, 2010

By: ___/s/ Juliusz Komorek___

Juliusz Komorek
Company Secretary