

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
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June 23, 2009

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 June 2009

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)

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**GOVERNMENT MUST SCRAP £10 TOURIST TAX
AND BREAKUP BAA MONOPOLY AS BAA TRAFFIC FALLS 4.5 MILLION
IN 5 MONTHS**

Ryanair freezes growth at 9 UK bases with immediate effect

Ryanair
, Europe's largest
low fares airline, today (23
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)
confirmed that
it will
freeze
growth at its nine UK bases with immediate effect
. Ryanair
highlighted
that Gordon Brown'
s £10 tourist tax, combined
with
the
BAA

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onopoly
's high airport
charges

have

caused

the

loss of over 4.5 million passenger

s

at the BAA UK airports

in the first five months of the year.

Ryanair

called on

Gordon Brown

to scrap this £10 APD

tax and

speed up

the sale of

Gatwick and

Stansted airports to prevent a further collapse in

UK

tourism

and related jobs

next

winter.

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the

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traffic collapse

continues for the full year the

UK

economy will lose over 10 million passengers, 10,000 airport jobs and over £2.5billion in tourism spend in 2009 alone, with the Government losing at least £350 million in VAT receipts.

The

UK

is

now

a

high cost

tourism destination which is in steep decline.

Ryanair

urged the

British

Government

to follow the lead of t

he Belgian, Dutch, Greek and Spanish Governments

who have

recently scrapped similar tourist taxes and/or airport charges in order to reverse falling passenger numbers and prevent further tourism and job losses.

Ryanair
's
Michael O'Leary
said:

"
Ryanair will grow by 15% this year to over 67 million passengers. However, the UK will not share in any of this growth in 2009

as Ryanair (the only major European airline continuing to grow) freezes growth at our nine UK bases. Gordon Brown's £10 tourist tax

will see

Britain lose

over 10 million passengers, 10,000 airport jobs and more than £2.5 billion in tourism spend in the UK

this year alone

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The Government

*should
follow the example of their Belgian, Dutch, Greek and Spanish counterparts by immediately scrapping
this
stupid and regressive tourist tax to avoid any further devastation to
British
tourism and jobs.*

*"
Tourism is one of the UK's most important industries and employers. It responds q
uickly to price
changes
. The G
overnment's £10 tourist tax is making
the
UK
an uncompetitive desti
nation and they must
scrap this tax
now to prevent
a
further collapse of
UK
passenger*

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tourism and job

numbers

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While the UK keeps taxing tourists Ryanair will switch its growth to other EU countries where low cost
airports are growing and where G
overnments are wel
coming tourists not taxing them*

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Ends.

Tuesday,
23
rd

June 2009

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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: 23 June 2009

By:___/s/ Juliusz Komorek___

Juliusz Komorek
Company Secretary