

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
Form 6-K
June 02, 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 June 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.

Form 20-F..X.. Form 40-F.....

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 ..X..

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**RYANAIR TO
SUE
FRENCH UNION
FOR UNLAWFUL STRIKE IN
CARCASSONNE**

Ryanair, Europe's leading low fares airline, today

(
Monday, 2
nd
June 2008
)

**announced
that it
has filed**

**legal proceedings for damages against French trade union
,
Confederation General de Travail (CGT).**

**These proceedings arise from
losses suffered during last weekend'
s
unlawful
strike
s**

**(Saturday 24
th
to Monday 26
th
May)
by members of the union employed in
check-in
,
security**

**and fuelling
duties
at**

**Carcassonne Airport.
One such instance involved the decision by a fueller to go on strike as a Ryanair aircraft was on approach to
the airport
, necessitating the diversion of the aircraft to
Perpignan
and consequently that aircraft and two subsequent flights were unable to transport the return passengers.
These damages arise from compensation claims filed by passengers whose flights were
delayed or cancelled
as a result of this
unlawful
strike and further
costs**

**suffered
by Ryanair in flying empty aircraft back to
London,**

Dublin
and
Charleroi.

Co
nfirming
these proceedings, Ryanair's Deputy
CEO
, Michael Cawley, said
:

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*The action by the striking workers at Carcassonne Airport was
unlawful,*

*unwarranted
and caused
considerable
hardship for our passengers as well*

*as
significant costs for them and for the airline.*

*The
fueller
in
Carcassonne
walk
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*off
the job
just
as
a Ryanair
aircraft
was on approach to landing
at
the airport
. This type*

of anarchy

*highlights the flagrant
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egard which the union's members*

have for the travelling

*public
in*

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arcassonne

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Prior to Ryanair arriving at

Carcassonne Airport seven

*years ago there were no passengers
at
airport. Consequently, there was no employment
for many of these
union
members who
now
mistakenly believe that they can simply walk off the
job with no notice and thereby
stran
d hundreds of passengers at the
airport*

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“Ryanair and its passengers are not prepared to suffer the costs of these unlawful and unwarranted actions. The European Union claims that airlines can recover costs for these unlawful disruptions and it’s about time that this law was tested. We do not wish to deprive individuals of their right to strike. However, if they wish to go on strike then they should give airlines and passengers sufficient notice to allow for alternative plans to be made. We do not believe that it is fair, reasonable or lawful that airport employees simply walk off the job and endanger the safety of passengers and aircraft as they are coming in to land at Carcassonne.

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this week
fil
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papers in a lawsuit against
CGT
, the trade union to which the
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trikers belong
seeking damages and an undertaking that future strikes will take place only afte
r adequate notice has been
given
to airlines
and passengers at
Carcassonne*

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Ends

**Monday, 2nd
June 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: 02 June, 2008

By:___/s/ James Callaghan___

James Callaghan
Company Secretary & Finance Director