

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
October 06, 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 October, 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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**Ryanair Welcomes Court Decision to Refuse  
Passenger  
Compensation**

Ryanair, Europe's largest low fares airline, today ( Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 ) welcomed the decision of Simmern Court in Germany to dismiss a passenger's claim for compensation in after Ryanair was forced to cancel a flight due to unsafe weather conditions in Jerez in October last year .

The German court found that bad weather prevented Ryanair from landing safely and represented extraordinary circumstances which were beyond the control of the airline under EU261 regulations.

The passenger, who was seeking compensation of over €1,600 as a result of

this  
forced cancellation  
, had his  
claim dismissed by  
Simmern Court

The passenger must now settle all costs associated with the case, including Ryanair's costs.

Welcoming the finding, Ryanair's Stephen McNamara said:

*"The decision of the court was  
in accordance  
with the provisions of EU261.  
We understand that cancelled flights  
can be frustrating. However, we  
must always make  
decisions which  
prioritise  
the safety of our passengers,  
crew and aircraft*

*"  
In this case bad  
weather  
made  
it unsafe  
to  
land  
at Jerez and  
we had no alternative but to cancel the return flight.  
We  
welcome this decision  
which clarifies*

*the fact that  
EU261 compensation claims  
do not arise in cases where bad weather forces airlines to put passenger safety ahead of passenger convenience*  
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Ends.

Monday, 6  
th  
October 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: 06 October, 2008

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By:\_\_\_\_/s/ James Callaghan\_\_\_\_\_

James Callaghan  
Company Secretary & Finance Director