

Question for written answer E-014562/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Privatisation of TAP and the private consortium proposing to purchase it

In its answer to my written question E-010627/2015 on the privatisation of TAP and the private consortium proposing to purchase it, the Commission stated that 'the said Regulation indeed requires that EU Member States or nationals from EU Members States own more than 50% of an EU airline and effectively control it'.

Given that this requirement will clearly not be met in the case of the possible sale of TAP to Gateway, despite the claims to the contrary made in public statements by some of those involved in the process, can the Commission say what measures will be taken in response to this breach of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community?