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to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Abusive practices by airlines in response to rising fuel prices caused by the conflict in the Middle East

Against a backdrop dominated by the conflict in the Middle East and the resultant doubling of the price of aviation fuel in recent months, various airlines are announcing potential fare increases and the introduction of new surcharges to offset their rising operating costs.

In this connection, and given the fact that some airlines are informing passengers at the time of purchase, or after booking in some cases, that the final ticket price may vary in the run-up to the flight depending on fluctuations in the cost of aviation fuel, can the Commission say:

1. Whether it considers this practice of altering the final ticket price, and adding a surcharge once the ticket has already been bought and paid for, to be in breach of the rules governing air passenger rights, consumer protection and price transparency, which are binding on airlines?

2. If not, whether it plans to take measures to ensure legal certainty for passengers and prevent abusive practices that entail passing fuel price increases on to consumers?

3. Whether it intends to address this issue in the forthcoming review of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services?

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