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1. The rules on transparent pricing of air tickets in Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008¹ require that the final ticket price must be displayed at all times when offering or publishing air fares to the general public. As this obligation applies explicitly to the final ticket price to be paid, any retroactive change of the price is excluded. Airlines may not include terms and conditions which would allow them to increase the price of the ticket above what is advertised at the time of purchase simply because fuel was more expensive than they had accounted for.
2. The Commission adopted on 8 May 2026 guidance² on issues relating to aviation fuel in the context of current price increases and potential supply issues, to ensure legal certainty. In the first instance, it is for the price transparency authorities in the Member States to enforce the rules.
3. The Commission is looking at several issues relating to price transparency as part of the review of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008.

¹ Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1008/oj/eng>.

² https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-publishes-guidance-support-eu-transport-sector-affected-middle-east-crisis-2026-05-08_en.