

**Question for written answer P-000507/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Wet lease of aircraft in the EU

Given instances of alleged unfair competition and undermining of progressive EU legal frameworks, there is concern among aviation stakeholders across the EU about the practice of wet leasing aircraft.

Problematic examples include the use of wet leased aircraft to circumvent lawful industrial action, wet leases merely to cut costs rather than for operational reasons, and further unscrutinised development of wet leasing as a specific business model.

What is more, there are still uncertainties regarding the impact of agreements with the USA and other third countries on wet leasing and the ability to maintain high employment, environmental and safety standards in the EU aviation sector.

In view of these particular concerns:

1. How does the Commission intend to prevent the use of wet leasing from breaching workers' rights, as protected by Article 28 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and other relevant EU legislation and case law?
2. Will it commit to undertaking a comprehensive review of wet leasing – in particular on its implications for the enforcement of EU standards – with the full involvement of the aviation industry, safety experts, social partners and other relevant organisations?