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## Don't break the luggage rules, Spain told by European Union

Madrid.—The European Commission says fines imposed by Spain on Ireland's Ryanair and other budget airlines for charging extra fees on cabin bags breach regulations.

The Spanish Consumer Affairs Ministry last year fined Ryanair, easyJet, Norwegian, IAG's low-cost unit Vueling, and Volotea a combined

179 million euros (\$208 million) for practices such as charging for cabin luggage. Such fines are a challenge to budget airlines' business model, which hinges on low ticket prices while charging for extras like larger hand luggage that were traditionally included in the price.

But the Commission says the fines breached the EU law on air services, which gives airlines "freedom to set their prices".

"The Commission is therefore sending a letter of formal notice to Spain, which now has two months to respond and address the shortcomings."

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