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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2003

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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RYANAIR TO APPEAL NANCY COURT DECISION
TO PREVENT THE RETURN OF LOW FARES TO STRASBOURG

Ryanair, Europe's No.1 low fares airline today (Thursday, 18th December 2003) said it will immediately appeal the decision of the Court of Appeal in Nancy in it's ongoing fight to return Ryanair's low fares to consumers in Strasbourg. In the meantime, consumers will continue to be forced to pay Air France's ridiculously high fares on the Strasbourg to London route.

Ryanair's Chief Executive, Michael O'Leary said:

"We have instructed our lawyers to appeal this decision which prevents the return of low fares air travel to Strasbourg. This decision flies in the face of

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the findings of the Courts own appointed Commissaire de Government who said in his submission:

1. That the Administrative Court in Strasbourg did not have the competence to make a finding on the commercial agreement between Ryanair and Strasbourg Airport.
2. That the terms of the agreement between Ryanair, Strasbourg Airport and the CCI, did not constitute State Aid
3. That the BritAir case be thrown out, and that the costs be awarded against BritAir.

"Ryanair is committed to restoring its low fares Strasbourg-London service, and will be appealing this decision, if necessary all the way through the French courts and to the European Court in Luxembourg itself.

"We would like to apologise to ordinary French consumers and visitors, who will continue to be forced to pay Air France's rip-off high fares of nearly EUR800.00 (return midweek fare, not staying Saturday night) for Strasbourg to London flights, instead of the EUR9.00 (plus taxes) one-way fares charged by Ryanair. "We are confident that the European courts will in time recognise the benefits for consumers and the regions of low cost air travel between Strasbourg and London".

Ends. Thursday, 18th December 2003

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 18 December 2003

By:___/s/ Howard Millar___

H Millar
Company Secretary & Finance Director