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Ryanair in hot water over aircraft de-icing operations

Ryanair’s recent de-icing techniques have come under scrutiny as a video has emerged of buckets of hot water being used to de-ice a plane.



Ecole Nationale de l’Aviation Civile (ENAC) has launched an inquiry on de-icing activities at Brindisi Airport in southern Italy, after a video appears to show airside operations staff de-icing an aircraft wing with buckets of hot

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The video was filmed by Italian politician Mauro D'Attis. The practise has been criticised, but according to guidelines, defrosting a plane with "buckets of hot water at 60°C [is] allowed when the air temperature is 0°C". Tabloid newspaper, [The Sun](#), reported that the airport operators added: "The Captain was aware and satisfied. The procedure was to remove a little residual snow. It was a perfectly safe procedure."



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ENAC issued a statement which said: "In relation to press reports and videos circulated in recent days that report de-icing of the wings of aircraft departing from Brindisi Airport were carried out manually and in an inadequate manner, the National Agency for the Civil Aviation announces that it has initiated inspections on airport operations conducted at the airport in conjunction with the snowfall that affected the area.

"The ENAC technicians will be at Brindisi Airport to verify the management of the emergency derived from adverse weather conditions and the situation that has been determined."