

**Question for written answer E-009375/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Tackling safety problems and unfair competition in road haulage

Is the Commission aware of the broadcast of 12 October 2012 'Explosief Transport' forming part of the ZEMBLA series, which concerned the transport of dangerous substances by drivers without adequate training?

To what extent is the Commission aware of cases in which drivers have been improperly issued with certificates for the transport of dangerous substances in all EU Member States?

What action will the Commission take to tackle this international problem and guarantee the safety of the transport of dangerous substances throughout the EU?

What action will the Commission take to improve compliance with, and enforcement of, the UNECE rules and the EU Directive on the transport of dangerous goods by road (ADR)?

Is the Commission aware of the practice whereby drivers in road haulage evade collective agreements on terms of employment by means of both legal and illegal arrangements such as setting up satellite establishments in EU Member States with lower wages and poorer social protection?

What action will the Commission take against this unfair competition in the transport industry?

Is the Commission aware that the Environment and Transport Inspectorate in the Netherlands checks only 1% of transport?

As guardian of the Treaties, will the Commission draft minimum requirements applicable to labour and safety inspections so that EU law in this field is implemented correctly?