

**Question for written answer E-010520/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: UK High Speed 2 (HS2) rail link - technical specifications for interoperability

Under Directive 96/48/EC¹ on the interoperability of the trans-European high-speed rail system, the technical specifications for interoperability (TSI) for high-speed rolling stock lay down noise limits for such services. HS2 plans to run services at 400 km/h, faster than any other high-speed rail service currently in operation in Europe.

Can the Commission ask the European Railway Agency to review the compatibility of those speeds with this TSI?

¹ http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/transport/intermodality_transeuropean_networks/l24095_en.htm