

**Question for written answer E-006905/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Italian Highway Code - restrictions applicable to disabled drivers

Under Article 116 of the Italian Highway Code, holders of special licences for disabled drivers are permitted to tow light trailers (not exceeding 750 kg laden).

Holders of category B, C and D licences may, after passing the requisite test, apply for and obtain permission to tow increased weights. However, this does not apply to holders of special licences for disabled drivers.

As a result, while drivers in this category are, after passing the necessary tests, permitted to drive automobiles, lorries or coaches, they are not permitted to tow trailers exceeding 750 kg.

This is a major form of discrimination against them, since it prevents them from towing horseboxes or caravans for example.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the problem?
2. Will it make representations to the Italian authorities with a view to remedying matters?