

**Question for written answer E-007337/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Blind-spot accidents

A Danish firm has developed a bike detection system aimed at preventing blind-spot ('right turn') accidents in Europe. With this system, detectors and transmitters would be installed in type-approved lorries and bicycles respectively.

According to the firm, the system consists of a radio frequency identification (RFID) system installed in the lorry, which reads the tags (microchips not requiring a battery) carried on the bicycle. Cameras are also installed on the right-hand side of the lorry, so that the driver can see bicycles transmitting radio signals via tags.

Apparently the system is cheap, both for the bicycle and the lorry, relative to the cost of the vehicle. As we know, many deaths and injuries still happen on the road as a result of blind-spot accidents. Since product standards for lorries are governed by EU law, can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission aware of the above-mentioned or similar projects, and does it intend to amend product standards so that the project can be realised?
2. Will the Commission carry out a pilot project?
3. What else does it propose to do to reduce blind-spot accidents?