

**Question for written answer E-010476/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Letterbox companies in the road transport sector

In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009, undertakings engaged in the occupation of road transport operator shall have an effective and stable establishment, and must have premises in which they keep their core business documents and have the necessary administration and operating centre for their registered vehicles.

In an anonymous letter from an employee at the company Thermo Transit, the following organisational structure of the company is described:

- While Thermo Transit is located in Padborg, Denmark, it has a German subsidiary company called TT Trucking located in Germany (Niehuuser Strasse 12c, 24955 Harrislee). This is supposed to serve as the office for TT Trucking. But according to the letter, the office is not in use, and all drivers are redirected to Padborg, Denmark, from where all company activities are carried out.
- This allows the company to register vehicles and staff in Germany, while only working in and from Denmark.

Can the Commission state whether the above practices are contrary to the rules of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009? Does the Commission intend to make inquiries in this particular case to ensure that the German authorities are enforcing the rules adequately?