

**Question for written answer E-000351/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regular weekly rest periods for drivers

In its answer to question E-007945/2014 the Commission states that, under the definition of 'regular weekly rest period' in Regulation (EC) No 561/2006, the driver 'should have the possibility, should he/she so choose, to spend the regular weekly rest at the home base or somewhere else, and not in the vehicle'.

In this connection, can the Commission define what is meant by 'the possibility... to spend the regular weekly rest at the home base or somewhere else, and not in the vehicle'?

In particular:

- Should hauliers provide drivers with financial compensation so that they are not out of pocket as a result of spending their regular weekly rest periods elsewhere than in the vehicle, e.g. in a hotel?
- Should journeys lasting several days be planned so that drivers, if they wish to do so, have a real possibility of spending their regular weekly rest periods at their home base?

I realise that the enforcement of Regulation (EC) 561/2006 is primarily the responsibility of the Member States, but it is surely vital to establish how the real possibility for drivers to freely dispose of their regular weekly rest periods should be understood.