

**Question for written answer E-001191/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: Territorial restrictions on periodic inspections of HGVs

The European services market should not simply be an abstract idea, but a real goal to which we aspire. Unfortunately, in very many areas there are still a range of national restrictions and barriers meaning that national borders also mark the limits of the possibility to provide services.

One such restriction is the requirement to carry out periodic technical inspections of HGVs, which can legally only be carried out in the country in which the vehicle was registered. In practice, this requirement presents difficulties for international hauliers because the periodic inspections must be taken into account when planning vehicle routes, which are mostly outside the country in which the vehicles were registered. So when an inspection is necessary the vehicle needs to be brought back to its country of registration, even though the vehicle could equally be tested in Germany, France or Italy, for example.

To be able to carry out periodic technical inspections of HGVs in a country other than that in which the vehicle was registered, rules would be required to specify not only the scope and frequency of the testing, but also the requirements concerning authorised vehicle inspection stations.

Will the Commission take action to remove these obstacles to using the single market? If so, what action will it take?