

**Question for written answer E-001305/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Combating social dumping in the road transport sector

France and Belgium have taken legal steps to establish a stricter framework for drivers' rest breaks, as set out in Directive 561/2006, in order to combat social dumping in the road transport sector.

These measures have already been strongly criticised by 'BusinessEurope', while Polish and Hungarian carriers have been denouncing the impact of Germany's new minimum wage law, showing little concern for the interests of their employees.

1. Can the Commission provide assurances that it will pay no heed to these requests and that it will ensure that Member States are able to enforce compliance with their labour laws, as well as with European rules on road transport working conditions?
2. What steps does the Commission plan to take in order not only to ensure the immediate implementation of these new framework measures and to promote compliance among international carriers with minimum wages and working conditions, but also to fight effectively against social dumping practices, which have a harmful effect on drivers and road safety?