

**Question for written answer E-010675/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Minimum wage for foreign truck drivers in Norway

After France, Norway is the second country to follow in Germany's footsteps in introducing a minimum wage for foreign truck drivers, which flies in the face of the idea of an EU single market. From 1 July 2015, the minimum wage will be EUR 18 per hour and will apply to everyone, including foreign drivers of heavy goods vehicles weighing over 3.5 tons and buses and coaches who are temporarily in Norway.

The decision appears to mark the introduction of non-tariff barriers to the movement of goods and services and a barrier to the free movement of people. As such, it is contrary to the EU Treaties and secondary legislation.

When Germany introduced similar legislation, the Commission asked the German Government to provide clarifications and to repeal the legislation if it was found to be contrary to EU law.

Although Norway is not part of the EU, as a member of the European Economic Area it has privileged access to the EU internal market and must respect its fundamental freedoms. What action does the Commission intend to take, and when, to secure the withdrawal of the minimum-wage measures introduced by Norway, which are incompatible with the fundamental principles underpinning the EU?