

**Question for written answer E-012139/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Vandalism of Spanish lorries and restriction of the free movement of goods in France

A year ago, as I said in my question E-006101/14, a number of lorries containing Spanish goods were intercepted by French nationals.

Protests of this kind have since been happening on a regular basis, and very recently French farmers in the regions of Poitiers, Normandy and Brittany attacked Spanish lorries and destroyed the goods they were carrying.

Similar acts of vandalism have been carried out on the French border with Germany, in Alsace, where German lorry drivers have had the same experience as their Spanish counterparts. Livestock farmers' associations and the Spanish Freight Transport Confederation have decried the French authorities' inaction and unwillingness to put a stop to these attacks.

It is the Commission's job to safeguard the principle of free movement of goods, which is enshrined in the Treaties.

1. In the Commission's answer to question E-006101/14, it said that it had contacted the French authorities requesting information on the measures they had taken to prevent further incidents from occurring. Have the French authorities provided sufficiently detailed information?
2. Does the Commission plan to take the steps set out under (EC) No 2679/98, as it said in its answer?
3. Does the Commission believe that the French authorities are making a serious attempt to resolve the problem?