

**Question for written answer E-013079/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Volkswagen pollution emissions

The US Environmental Protection Agency has alleged that Volkswagen cheated during pollution emissions tests so that it could place its cars on the US market. More than 500 000 people died prematurely from air pollution in Europe in 2014, many of them as a result of high NOx emissions from diesel.

In the light of the above, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

- Is it aware that there have been concerns about the reliability of emissions tests for type approvals, in particular on the part of the International Council on Clean Transportation, which triggered the US Environmental Protection Agency investigation?
- Has it, in cooperation with national authorities, conducted controls equivalent to those carried out by the US Environmental Protection Agency, and what concrete steps has it taken in response to these concerns and with a view to ensuring compliance with Regulation (EC) No 715/2007, especially Article 5 thereof?
- Can it verify whether defeat devices are used in cars in the EU? If not, does it intend, in cooperation with national authorities, to examine the use of defeat devices by Volkswagen and other companies, and how will it be ensured in the future that manufacturers are prevented from making use of defeat devices or any other measures to artificially reduce their emissions results?