

**Question for written answer E-013088/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Rules on automotive glass

In France, there are currently 811 firms in the automotive glass film filtering sector, accounting for more than 1.800 direct jobs; and there could be over 800 more jobs within the next three years. More than 160 000 vehicles are fitted each year.

However, overly restrictive rules on permissible levels of visible light transmittance (VLT) could seriously jeopardise the future of what is a particularly promising sector. Public authorities pursue entirely warranted road safety objectives (such as ensuring that, during police road checks, drivers can be seen and that drivers have full visibility through their side windows at all times).

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 43, which stipulates 70% VLT for front windows, applies to automotive manufacturing, but not to the replacement parts market, which is of vital importance to the glass film filtering sector. Since the relevant rules differ from country to country, within what is an area of free movement, the economic and safety-related issues can no longer be addressed.

Accordingly, does the Commission intend to embark on Europe-wide harmonisation for this sector in the near future?