

**Question for written answer E-013765/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Protecting fair competition on the European car market

Since 2008, German carmaker Volkswagen has sold on the United States market 482 000 cars equipped with software designed to rig the vehicles' emissions data, thus breaching anti-pollution laws in the US¹.

In the light of Regulations (EC) No 715/2007, (EC) No 692/2008, (EC) No 595/2009, (EC) No 566/2011 and (EU) No 459/2012, which amends the previous ones, in addition to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 and Directive 2007/46/EC, and given that a number of Member States have already asked the Commission to open an internal investigation in Europe, can the Commission say:

1. whether, should such unlawful conduct be detected in Europe, it could not also be regarded as a distortion of competition in the internal market;
2. if so, whether it intends to take any action, in collaboration with the Member States, to punish the carmakers involved;
3. what instruments it intends to use to ensure that similar incidents do not occur again in the future?

¹ Source: <http://ilsole24ore.com/art/finanza-e-mercati/2015-09-20/-scandalo-volkswagen-rischio-incriminazione-la-frode-emissioni--180710.shtml?uuid=ACn9wL1>