

Question for written answer E-003249/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: France's interpretation of Regulation No 561/2006 when checking trucks and buses with two-person crews

When checking trucks and buses, the French authorities are interpreting Regulation No 561/2006 in a new way, which can affect journeys made with two-person crews. France's new interpretation is that, after nine hours' driving time, including a change of driver, both drivers must take a 45-minute break (with the vehicle stationary, therefore), whereas the Regulation is enforced in other Member States in such a way that drivers can change places so that each of them drives for nine hours.

What steps will the Commission take to create a level playing field for transport firms from the Member States with regard to the application of Regulation No 561/2006?