

**Question for written answer E-003437/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Serious difficulties in the international road transport sector

On 1 June 2016 it will become a requirement under French law (Act No 2016-418) that foreign lorry drivers receive at least the minimum rate of pay applicable in France when they are making deliveries there. The new law is intended to ensure pay parity and guarantee fair competition, in line with Directives 96/71/EC and 2014/67/EU.

However, I have been receiving reports that the new French measures will lead to serious difficulties in the sector and that they overlook its specificities.

In its proposal of 8 March 2016 for a directive amending Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers, the Commission states that: 'Because of the highly mobile nature of work in international road transport, the implementation of the posting of workers directive raises particular legal questions and difficulties (especially where the link with the concerned Member State is insufficient). It would be most suited for these challenges to be addressed through sector-specific legislation together with other EU initiatives aimed at improving the functioning of the internal road transport market.'

Can the Commission therefore tell me:

- whether it considers that France has taken protectionist measures in the field of road transport, in breach of EU law;
- whether an up-to-date review of road transport needs has been conducted for the purpose of bringing forward proposals for sector-specific legislation?