

**Question for written answer E-007471/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Combating greenhouse gas emissions in the road transport sector

In the light of the fact that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from heavy goods vehicles have risen by more than a third in 25 years, the Commissioner for Transport has announced her intention to introduce new pollution regulations for lorries by 2019.

Restrictive regulations, toll taxes and taxes on the least fuel-efficient vehicles would all have a negative impact on the economy and on the purchasing power of EU citizens, who would feel the effects of the extra cost on the price of goods.

The sharp rise in harmful emissions from heavy goods vehicles is largely the result of an increased number of lorries on the roads, itself the result of social dumping and EU deregulation, which make this means of transport considerably more attractive than rail freight.

Under these circumstances, would the Commission not agree that, rather than introducing restrictive regulations and further taxes, it should develop short and efficient transport supply chains and combat social dumping, the leading cause of the rise in road freight?