

**Question for written answer E-001500/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The employment of Filipino truck drivers

In the Danish media it has recently emerged that a number of European hauliers with subsidiaries in Latvia and Poland are currently hiring Filipino truck drivers in Latvia and Poland, arguing that there is a shortage of truck drivers in those countries. Those drivers subsequently transport goods in a number of other European countries.

Is the Commission aware of this practice and its scope?

Does the Commission consider it fair for European hauliers to hire truck drivers, who are very mobile workers, from third countries, on the ground that there is a shortage of drivers in a specific EU country, when unemployment is a major problem in many EU countries?

Does the Commission consider this practice compatible with EU legislation?