

**Question for written answer E-000182/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Possible freight traffic restrictions on the Italy-Austria border

The Chair of Confraspporto-Confcommercio (organisation representing Italian road haulage firms) has expressed his opposition to the Austrian Government's proposal to reduce freight traffic along the Brenner Pass route. It is a request that Italian companies cannot accept because it would have a number of direct adverse economic effects on the transport and production sector, not only for Italy, but for Europe, too.

Alpine passes are a key junction for EU trade and, in this specific case, most Italian imports and exports pass through the Austrian border crossings.

Can the Commission therefore say:

- whether it considers the proposal to contain traffic through the Brenner Pass as being a restriction on the free movement of goods;
- whether it agrees that this proposal follows the same principle which led the Commission to recognise the ecopoints system as being an obstacle to the free movement of goods;
- whether it intends to take action to prevent the entire logistics and transport system, and particularly the Italian production sector, from being damaged by a measure that does not comply with EU principles and rules?