

**Question for written answer E-003348/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Inconsistent rules in low-emission zones in the EU

There are currently various rules that apply to low-emission zones in the EU.

These rules not only differ from one EU Member State to another, but also sometimes between zones within the same country. One of these rules concerns the ownership and use of historic vehicles.

It may be the case that drivers whose historic vehicles have been granted exemption in their home country then enter other low-emission zones without realising the different rules of this particular EU Member State or town and are required to pay a high fine for allegedly unlawful driving.

Could the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

- 1) How can these specific rules be made more obvious so that such situations can be avoided?
- 2) What does the Commission think of a rule that stipulates it is the requirements of the vehicle's home country that apply across all low-emission zones, rather than the requirements of the country or town that the driver is currently in?
- 3) How can the Commission achieve a consistent exemption for vehicles of historical interest (as per their Europe-wide definition in Directive 2014/45/EU) for low-emission zones across the entirety of the EU and generally work to combat the patchwork of rules that currently apply in the various European low-emission zones?