

**Question for written answer E-005199/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Abolition of the National Safety Authority for Railways

Following the collapse of the Morandi bridge, Article 12 of Legislative Decree No 109 of 28 September 2018 on crisis management in Genoa establishes a new national safety authority for railways, and road and motorway infrastructure and abolishes the current national safety authority for railways (ANSF).

It is important to note that, while the ANSF was established in 2007 in compliance with Safety Directive No 2004/49/EC which states that every Member State must set up a national authority for railway safety, Directive No 2008/96/EC on road safety infrastructure management does not provide for the establishment of any national agency or authority.

In the light of the above, does the Commission not believe that the abolition of the national safety authority for railways and its incorporation into a new agency which also oversees road infrastructure could compromise its effectiveness, and therefore constitutes a blatant violation of Directive No 2004/49/EC?