

**Question for written answer P-009939/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Strike by German lock-keepers

On 31 July 2013 the Dutch inland shipping association KSV Schuttevaer lodged a complaint with the Commission against the Federal Republic of Germany for failure to comply with EU law, and specifically with the principle of free movement of goods (Articles 34, 35 and 36 TFEU in conjunction with Article 4(3) TEU).

The strikes which have been going on for several weeks now are causing terrible economic damage to inland waterways transport, as well as to its image, are jeopardising the reliability of the service and threatening to cause longer-term damage. The strikes are disproportionate: this is why KSV Schuttevaer has lodged a complaint which I as an MEP am happy to support.

I call on the Commission to deal with this complaint as speedily as possible, and in this connection I have the following questions:

1. Has the Commission received the complaint?
2. Is it aware of the urgency of the matter?
3. Is it prepared to give a definitive ruling without delay on the admissibility of the complaint and on further measures to be taken?