

**Question for written answer P-010809/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Impact on transport sector of minimum wage law in Germany

On 1 January 2015 a new law on the minimum wage ('Mindestlohngesetz vom 11 August 2014' (BGBl.I.S.1348)) will come into effect in Germany. The minimum hourly wage of EUR 8.50 will be applicable to all employees in occupational branches that have not yet established a minimum wage of their own. It will cover the transport sector, for example, and will apply to German and foreign operators which conduct transport activities on German territory, including cabotage, international transport to and from Germany, and transit.

The application of the law will impose an additional administrative burden on foreign operators.

Moreover, it will have a negative impact on companies from other Member States that have lower hourly wages or whose national law does not establish a minimum wage.

Is the aforementioned law compatible with the relevant EU legislation, including the internal market legislation and the Posting of Workers Directive?

Does the Commission believe this law to be in line with the fundamental freedoms of the EU?

Does it not restrict free competition within the EU?