

**Question for written answer P-002205/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Competition in the French freight sector

The rail freight sector in the EU was liberalised in 2001 by three directives, which separate operators and infrastructure managers, define the conditions for awarding operating licences and organise the charging system for rail routes.

15 years later, does the Commission feel that competition in the French freight sector is being practised under favourable conditions?

Apart from the simple transposition of those directives into national law, is the Commission aware of the existence of any obstacles to the proper installation of new freight operators?