

**Question for written answer P-000850/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Cartel agreement between European heavy goods vehicle manufacturers

In a press release issued on 19 July 2016 the Commission said it had found that a number of heavy goods vehicle manufacturers, including MAN, Volvo/Renault, Iveco and DAF, had broken EU antitrust rules.

The manufacturers were judged to have colluded in setting prices for their vehicles and in passing on the cost of complying with more stringent emissions standards to customers.

The press release included a table showing the breakdown of the overall fine of EUR 2 926 499 000 among the manufacturers involved.

The Commission also stated that anyone affected by anti-competitive behaviour of this kind could bring the matter before the courts of the Member States and seek damages.

However, the Commission has yet to publish its decision in this procedure (AT 39824), thus making it impossible for those affected to seek a legal remedy.

- Can the Commission give reasons for the delay, and would it agree that priority should now be given to enabling consumers, and in particular small businesses, affected by the anti-competitive behaviour to obtain compensation for the harm caused to them?
- When will the decision be published?