

**Question for written answer P-001645/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Transposition of Air Quality Directive 2008/50/EC

As the Air Quality Directive, Directive 2008/50/EC, has been put into effect, many low-emission zones have been set up in cities and municipalities within the EU. Vehicle access to these zones is regulated in a variety of ways, ranging from mandatory stickers through registration requirements to a total ban on certain cars.

If the single market is to work, the rules, not just in the EU as a whole, but in individual Member States, need, to my mind, to be implemented in as uniformly consistent a manner as possible.

The arrangements in Belgium are particularly complicated, since a tourist wishing to drive to Antwerp via Brussels has to register his or her vehicle in two separate instances, as there is no standardised arrangement applying at national level.

1. What is the position regarding the transposition of the EU Air Quality Directive in each of the 28 Member States?
2. Has the Commission examined the 28 Member States' national rules as far as the functioning of the single market is concerned and proposed measures as and where necessary?
3. What will the Commission do to make it easier for users and consumers to comply with the patchwork of rules in Member States, thereby fostering the single market?