

**Question for written answer P-002717/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Combating smart-tachograph fraud

The Dutch Public Prosecutor's Office recently reported that the Investigation Service of the ILT (Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate), together with the Federal Judicial Police of West Flanders and the Federal Road Police in Belgium, was planning to investigate criminal organisations active in the systematic installation and hacking of tachograph software in Europe¹. Their activities make it possible to falsify measurements of driving times and rest periods. This is not the first time that misuse of tachographs has been reported. Last February, the Dutch regulator reported that tachographs were becoming so smart that fraud was increasingly difficult to detect.

1. Does the Commission still believe that tachographs are the best and most reliable tool to measure driving times and rest periods?
2. Can the Commission provide an overview of the number of fraud cases and investigations that are currently ongoing within the European Union in relation to smart tachographs?
3. In what other ways, apart from by using tachographs, can reliable information be obtained concerning driving times and rest periods?

¹ <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@106584/ilt-doet-politie/>