

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2266/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Axle weight limits for cranes

In France, engines powering crane jibs (i.e. engines which simply power the lifting gear on a building site) may be run on fuel oil, which is significantly cheaper than normal diesel. This represents a not insignificant competitive advantage for French crane operators.

Is the Commission planning to submit a proposal for harmonisation in this area?

In France, the axle weight limit for cranes is 13 tonnes, as opposed to 12 tonnes in Germany. Accordingly, a French crane may carry more ballast weight.

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