

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0989/07

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to the Commission

Subject: Further developments regarding Decision No 2006/66/EC (TSI Noise)

In point 7.4 of its Decision No 2006/66/EC¹ on TSI Noise, the Commission specified that it would take further initiatives on retrofitting freight wagons.

1. Has the Commission already taken further steps to that end?
2. What additional measures are planned?
3. Is the Commission providing for an impact assessment?
4. What are the timing arrangements?
5. Is there a proposal to make it mandatory to fit wagons with K-type composite brake blocks?
6. Could a Member State come forward with a national assistance programme for retrofitting with K-type composite brake blocks, or would such a freight wagon retrofitting programme be in breach of European rules on aid?
7. Is the Commission aware of other, possibly less costly solutions for retrofitting freight wagons with a view to noise abatement?

¹ OJ L 37, 8.2.2006, p. 1.