

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0278/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Variable emission charges

A number of European cities levy charges which vary according to the emission values of cars and lorries. Differences in the way these charges are levied clearly constitute an impediment to the freedom of movement of persons and goods.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Are the cities or regions in question bound by European legislation in this matter? If so, which legislation in particular?
2. Are the appropriate authorities required to seek the Commission's authorisation, or at least to notify it before taking such measures? If so, what procedure applies in this connection and which conditions must be met before they can take such measures?