Question for written answer E-005786/2011 to the Commission

Rule 117

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Subject: Legality of tolls introduced on 15 October 2010 on motorways in northern Portugal

In its answer of 26 May 2011 to written question E-3096/2011 on the new toll system on motorways in northern Portugal, the Commission says it has sent a letter of formal notice to the Portuguese authorities concerning the transposition of the 'Eurovignette' directive and, in particular, the application of the overall terms of the directive on toll arrangements in force before 10 June 2008.

By limiting the terms of the above-mentioned letter of formal notice to 'toll arrangements in force before 10 June 2008', does the Commission mean to say that the Portuguese authorities, despite having been asked to do so, have still not provided adequate information on the new toll system introduced on 15 October 2010? Or has the Commission still not completed its analysis of the new toll arrangements which have been the subject of repeated questions, focusing not only on their legality and the possibly discriminatory nature of the system but also on its proportionality, accessibility, suitability and the price of the electronic payment device which is the only method of payment allowed?

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