

Question for written answer E-000414/2012
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: English rugby premiership salary cap

Do the English rugby premiership salary cap and the new Irish Rugby Football Union 'position specific / one contract' restrictions comply with European law, especially in relation to competition and employment, as they affect the pan-European multi-Member-State Heineken Cup and Amlin Challenge Cup competitions?

Is a restriction excluding a player from selection for the England rugby team if he is attached to a French or Italian rugby club a restriction on the free movement of labour?