

**Question for written answer E-000845/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Noise-related operating restrictions at airports (COM(2011)0828)

On 1 December 2011 the Commission presented the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of rules and procedures with regard to the introduction of noise-related operating restrictions at Union airports within a Balanced Approach and repealing Directive 2002/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM(2011)0828).

1. How exactly will the Commission carry out its proposed monitoring function and to what extent will this encroach on the Member States' independence in the context of the implementation noise-abatement measures?
2. Why does the measure 'noise-related operating restrictions' (e.g. night-flight bans or phasing-out of noisier aircraft) appear last in the list of measures to be taken?
3. What view does the Commission take of the emerging contradiction between the stated aim of the uniform application of noise-abatement measures and the establishment by the Member States of noise limits to protect health?