

**Question for written answer E-000209/2013  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Transport services to islands and compensation in the event of disruptions to those services

European legislation has been strengthened to protect the rights of passengers when travelling by sea in the European Union (Regulation (EU) No 1177/2010 of 24 November 2010, applicable from 18 December 2012).

Can the Commission confirm that the regulation will take account of the specific problems affecting the transport of goods to islands?

Island hauliers depend on maritime transport services, and any disruption to those services seriously hampers their work: lorries and their drivers are stranded, delivery dates are not met, customers are inconvenienced, etc.

There is clearly a need, therefore, to broaden the scope of the aforementioned regulation without delay to cover the specific constraints that island hauliers face.

What action is being proposed?