

**Question for written answer E-011384/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Rail traffic noise - speed limit/ban on loud freight trains running during the night

What is the official position of the Commission on local speed limits and a ban on loud freight trains running during the night as noise abatement measures?

Would such measures be compatible in principle with EU law, and, if so, under what circumstances?

What are the findings of the most recent opinion from the legal services of the Commission on this matter?