

**Question for written answer E-013411/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Introduction of motorway fees in Germany

The German Government is weighing up the introduction of charges for driving on German motorways. This would require drivers to purchase vignettes. German drivers, however, will be able to deduct the cost of the vignette from their 'car tax' (Kraftfahrzeugsteuer). German media have reported that this plan is acceptable in the Commission's opinion.

1. Has the German Government consulted the Commission on its plans to introduce fees for motorway use?
2. Did the Commission deem these plans acceptable?
3. Is this legal construction consisting of introducing charges and then providing tax relief which has the character of an exemption from the charges for a defined category of people – in this case payers of 'car tax' in Germany – permissible?
4. Could one conclude that the legal construction described in the third question is in violation of the principles of non-discrimination and competition?