

**Question for written answer E-002857/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Sergio Berlato (PPE)**

**Subject:** Verification of the correct transposition by Italy of European legislation on properly securing dangerous goods to vehicles

An Italian citizen applied to the Chamber of Commerce in Bolzano, Italy, for certification that he was qualified to provide training in securing cargo after he had passed the examinations deemed necessary under European standard EN12195-1:2010. His request was rejected because there is no standard in Italy which lays down the requirements to be met by persons wishing to give instruction to others on the securing of cargo in the form of dangerous and non-dangerous goods. The EU has issued specific guidelines on road safety which deal with the securing of cargo to vehicles, in particular Directive 2008/68/EC on the inland transport of dangerous goods and Directive 95/50/EC on uniform procedures for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road.

Numerous road accidents have in fact occurred as a result of the incorrect securing of cargo to heavy-duty vehicles. In Italy, even road transport police officers are not properly trained in the procedure used to check if cargo has been secured correctly, despite the adoption of standard EN12195 on cargo insurance requirements for vehicles weighing over 3.5 tonnes.

Given that Italy does not seem to have correctly implemented the above legislation, can the Commission say whether:

1. Italy has correctly implemented European legislation on properly securing cargo of dangerous goods to vehicles, on the basis of the information available?
2. Chambers of Commerce, or similar bodies, are required to issue certificates to persons qualified to provide training in the correct securing of cargo of dangerous goods and, if so, what formalities persons wishing to obtain such a certificate have to complete?