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to the Commission**

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Subject: German minimum wage requirement for drivers engaged in road transport as a measure against social dumping

On 1 January 2015 Germany introduced a rule requiring foreign transport companies carrying goods or passengers in Germany to provide proof that they are paying their drivers a minimum wage of EUR 8.5 per hour before tax. This is a positive measure from the point of view of preventing social dumping in the road transport sector and Slovenian transport firms are complying with it, but at the same time it is unilateral and compromises the principle of free movement of services. We cannot resolve one problem in the EU by creating a new one.

1. When will the Commission issue an opinion on whether this German legislation is in violation of the rules on free movement of services?
2. What action will the Commission take against Germany if it is found that the free movement of services is compromised, and how quickly will that action be taken?
3. The measures taken by Germany resolve the problem of social dumping partially, in one country. Does the Commission believe that unilateral, national measures are the right approach to tackling social dumping in the transport sector? If not, when can we expect the Commission to propose a comprehensive solution to this problem at EU level?