

**Question for written answer E-003794/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Scope of application of the 'loi Macron' and implications for the EU road transport sector

On 9 April 2016, Decree 2016-417 implementing the 'loi Macron' was published in the French Official Journal. This law extends the scope of application of the French Labour Law, specifically the provisions in relation to posted workers, to international companies in the transport sector.

As from 1 July 2016, road hauliers would be required to comply with French minimum wage obligations and to establish a representative in France. Such obligations would be extremely costly and burdensome for EU transport companies, especially for SMEs, and could hinder their capacity to operate in France.

Although the establishment of a minimum wage is a national competence that should not be undermined, such legislation must be compliant with EU legislation. We recall in this respect the current infringement procedure against Germany regarding the application of the Minimum Wage Act to the transport sector.

1. Has the Commission started assessing the impact of the revised law on the transport sector?
2. Could the Commission clarify with the French authorities the exact scope of application of the legislation?
3. If need be, is the Commission ready to launch a procedure against France, as in the case of the German Minimum Wage Act?