

**Question for written answer E-004129/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Light goods vehicles

The increased use of light goods vehicles up to a maximum of 3.5 tons is causing problems in Sweden. These vans do not require a special driving licence or a tachograph, they have no specific speed limits, and there are no requirements for drivers to comply with driving and rest periods. They are increasingly being used as a way of cutting costs and very often to carry loads for which they are unsuitable. This has resulted in a sharp increase in the number of overloaded vans being stopped. A van was recently stopped in Helsingborg carrying a load that exceeded the maximum weight by 446%.

Would it not be appropriate for commercial light goods vehicles to be subject to the same rules as other commercial goods vehicles?