

**Question for written answer E-005697/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: TSI Noise - composite brakes on trains

Tests carried out in northern Europe have shown that the braking performance of trains fitted with quieter composite brakes is very poor, especially in cold weather. Composite brakes also increase maintenance costs by 50%, while cutting the lifetime of the wheels in half, making for a worrying competitive disadvantage compared with other modes of transport.

1. How will the Commission check that safety is not compromised if these brakes are made mandatory?
2. How will the Commission take account of the specific situation prevailing in a number of Member States?