

**Question for written answer E-000540/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ice on lorries

In winter, accidents are often caused by ice falling from lorries. The driver is usually responsible for clearing ice off the lorry before setting off. Unfortunately this cannot always be done safely, and it is difficult to remove the ice from certain types of lorry. Some rest and parking facilities already have equipment (e.g. scaffolding) that makes it easier for drivers to clear the ice off their lorries.

1. Does the Commission know how many accidents are caused in the EU by ice falling from lorries, and how serious these accidents are?
2. Are programmes or funding opportunities available to Member States to help them install de-icing equipment at rest and parking facilities?
3. Does the Commission intend to make it mandatory for lorries and trailers to be fitted with de-icing systems, or to encourage optional retrofitting of them, as a means of improving road safety?