

Question for written answer E-003219/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
Georges Bach (PPE)

Subject: Ban on driving at night

Under Articles 7 and 23 of section 2(2) of the decree on waste of Belgium's Walloon region, driving in Wallonia is banned between 23.00 and 05.00.

The ban applies only in Wallonia, not in other regions of Belgium, nor in the neighbouring countries of France, Luxembourg and Germany.

There is therefore a different set of rules in the Walloon region, although with the same legal basis under European law, which is Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste.

Consequently, hauliers are forced to use Belgium's motorways during peak hours.

Does the Commission share the view that such a ban on transporting waste in Wallonia should be seen as an attack on the free movement of goods and the principle of free competition?

Does it also consider that this ban discriminates against hauliers from countries or regions where no night-time ban exists?