

Question for written answer E-003549/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Requirement to equip and retrofit lorries and coaches with emergency braking and turn assist systems and to equip lorries with collision avoidance systems

The Commission adopted Regulations (EC) No 661/2009 and (EU) No 347/2012, which stipulate that all new lorries and coaches must be equipped with advanced emergency braking systems (AEBS). They do not lay down a requirement to retrofit used vehicles with AEBS, however.

As a transit country in the heart of the European Union, Germany is particularly badly affected by the through transit of lorries and coaches. In Germany alone, in the last four years, there have been 620 accidents caused by turning lorries; 40 cyclists and four pedestrians have been killed. There is a pressing need, therefore, to equip buses and lorries throughout the EU with suitable turn assist systems. Making it mandatory to equip lorries with collision avoidance systems would also improve road safety in the EU.

1. Does the Commission plan to make retrofitting with AEBS mandatory?
2. Taking its cue from Regulations (EC) No 661/2009 and (EU) No 347/2012, does the Commission plan to make it compulsory to equip or retrofit new and/or used lorries and coaches with turn assist systems and equip lorries with collision avoidance systems?