

**Question for written answer E-002814/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Restrictions on free movement between Italy and Austria and the integrity of the single market

Certain basic principles, like the free movement of goods and the ban on measures amounting to quantitative restrictions, must be adhered to if the internal market is to function smoothly and for competition to be safeguarded.

Any rules adopted by Member States that hinder intra-Community trade, be this directly or indirectly, potentially or in practice, are prohibited.

The Republic of Austria recently introduced a set of measures which in effect significantly restrict the free movement of goods.

There is, for example, a sector-specific vehicle ban that prevents the carriage of certain goods regardless of the emissions category of the vehicle concerned, a 'drip-feed' system which limits the number of vehicles on the road at any one time, a ban on night driving and compulsory on-motorway refuelling.

As the Guardian of the Treaties, can the Commission state:

- 1) What measures it has taken to date to limit the adverse impact these rules are having on free movement?
- 2) What steps it will take to reestablish the smooth functioning of the internal market in this case?
- 3) Whether it has issued an opinion on the sector-specific ban on Euro VI vehicles after receiving the report from the Republic of Austria, which was supposed to have annulled this ban?