

**Question for written answer E-003928/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Italy – detailed checks on EU journey forms

Road checks on coaches in Italy aim exclusively to penalise mistakes in completing the EU journey form (in accordance with Articles 12 and 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009 and Regulation (EU) No 361/2014). The checks concern neither the driving time, the rest period nor the vehicle. Minor errors in completing the form result in disproportionately high fines. Refusal to pay brings the threat of wheel clamping. In spite of declarations of willingness to the officials carrying out the checks to pay a deposit, a 30% discount is estimated which amounts to an admission of guilt, ends the procedure on the spot and thus prevents any subsequent appeal.

The Commission would like to do away with the EU journey form completely in the revision of Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009. Parliament would like to retain the document for cabotage operations. The Council has not yet decided.

1. What errors in terms of missing information on the EU journey form does the Commission deem should be penalised?
2. What options does the Commission consider to be available, apart from going through the courts, in order to address the practice described above? The complaint form for reporting a breach of EU law ¹ and SOLVIT ² are useless.
3. Can the Commission obtain a position from the Italian authorities on what is happening here? Specific example cases are available.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/assets/sg/report-a-breach/complaints_en/index.html

² https://ec.europa.eu/solvit/contact/index_en.htm