

**Question for written answer E-001515/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Spanish authorities' dealings with the EU on the effects of IMO 2020 rules

In November 2019, I asked the Commission whether it intended to adopt any economic measures to compensate for the increase in the cost of freight with the Balearic Islands as a result of entry into force of the IMO 2020 rules. In January alone, goods transporters from the Balearics already paid some EUR 8 million in extra sea freight costs. Hauliers' associations estimate that these rises will translate into a surcharge of over EUR 100 million by the end of the year, given that lorries make some 500 000 journeys a year between the Balearic Islands' ports and the mainland.

A few months ago we read in the press that the governments of the Balearic Islands and Spain had the intention to refer the matter to the European Union.

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Have the Spanish authorities contacted with the Commission to discuss the increase in the cost of freight with the Balearic Islands? If so, are any measures being considered?