## Question for written answer E-001893/2020 to the Commission

**Rule 138** 

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Subject: 'Green lanes' at border-crossing points for goods of all kinds and all means of transport along the TEN-T corridors during the corona crisis.

The Commission has announced border management guidelines to help maintain the EU-wide free movement of goods along TEN-T corridors, in spite of the current pandemic. The proposal to create 'green lanes' at border crossing points for all freight vehicles aims to ensure the continued functioning of supply chains. The extremely vague formulation of certain points gives rise to fears that the arrangements will have a negative impact on the safety of road users.

- 1. The Commission proposal concerns all kinds of goods and means of transport. Why is it not limited to essential goods (medicinal products, food, sanitary products, animal feed)?
- 2. The Member States are being asked to suspend national regulations with immediate effect. This would not only represent a serious undermining of subsidiarity but would also have grave consequences for drivers' working conditions, which are already bad enough. How will the Commission prevent abuse, create fair working conditions for drivers and ensure the safety of all road users if checks are made less stringent and limited to a maximum of 15 minutes, as is the intention?
- 3. The Commission proposal stipulates that existing rules such as travel restrictions and compulsory quarantine for transport workers displaying no symptoms are to be lifted. According to the statistics, 70% of those infected display no symptoms yet can endanger and infect other people. How does the Commission justify this grossly negligent idea?