

**Question for written answer E-004952/2020**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject:     Permissibility of local speed limits for freight trains

Are local restrictions on the maximum speed limits for freight trains compatible with EU law, with particular regard to the safety of residents in Germany's Middle Rhine region?

Are there specific rules or possibilities for speed limits for freight trains carrying dangerous goods, alongside the general speed limit?

In addition, is there the possibility of imposing a night-time ban on freight trains under EU law?