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Austria is obliged to take measures to improve air quality in the Inn valley as long as the limit values related to nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) given in Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe<sup>1</sup> are exceeded. However, those measures have to be proportionate when they restrict fundamental EU principles such as the free movement of goods or services. The Commission is assessing whether the extension of the night driving ban on the A12 motorway to EURO VI vehicles transiting Tyrol is proportionate and will take appropriate action should it find that this is not the case.

The Commission is committed to continue to engage with the three Member States concerned (Austria, Germany and Italy) with the aim of agreeing on a common corridor approach and has already taken several steps in this regard.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 152, 11.6.2008, p. 1.