

**Question for written answer E-006500/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** New restrictions on heavy duty vehicle traffic in Tyrol

Order No 81/2019 published in the Official Journal of Tyrol imposes severe restrictions on heavy duty traffic crossing the Brenner Pass, hence jeopardising exports worth at least EUR 30 billion a year whilst also adversely affecting employment.

On 11 November 2020, an order issued by the Governor of the Land of Tyrol further tightened the ban on night transit for heavy duty vehicles on the A12 Inntal motorway.

More specifically, the new bans do not provide exemptions for the transit of vehicles powered by alternative fuels such as LPG or LNG, but only those powered by electricity or hydrogen. Moreover, the order also applies the same principle as regards exemptions to traffic departing and arriving at night, exacerbating discrimination that already exists in respect of Italy's manufacturing sector.

The Commission has already criticised the unilateral restrictions previously adopted and promoted informal talks aimed at resolving this situation, without, however, achieving tangible results.

Does the Commission not consider that strengthening the rules prohibiting transit through Tyrol constitutes an infringement of the principle of free competition within the single market? Why has it not yet taken any formal action and what does it intend to do to resolve this issue?