

**Question for written answer E-004653/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Competitiveness of maritime transport

On 14 July 2021, the Commission proposed to include maritime transport in the EU emissions trading system (ETS) with the publication of the 'fit for 55' package. The Commission's proposal for a regulation (procedure 2021/0211(COD)) stipulates that all emissions from shipping companies must be verified and reported.

The rising costs of maritime transport within the EU are likely to cause cargo ships to divert to neighbouring ports. This phenomenon is already being labelled 'carbon leakage'.

1. How will the Commission ensure that inclusion in the ETS does not lead to a shift from maritime transport to road transport as a result of a loss of competitiveness of the former?
2. Has the Commission assessed the risk of competition from ports on the immediate periphery of the Union which are not subject to the integration of carbon emissions into the ETS? How will the Commission deal with this competition, particularly with regard to ports of transshipment or regional hubs?