Question for written answer E-000942/2022 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Commission Notice on well-functioning and sustainable local passenger transport-on-

demand (taxis and PHV)

The Commission published recently Notice 2022/C 62/01 providing guidance for on-demand passenger transport, a subject included in the new EU Urban Mobility Framework. The Notice makes it clear that the measures Member States decide to adopt to regulate the taxi and PHV sector must be in line with the fundamental freedoms underpinning the single market.

In view of this:

- 1. Does the Commission consider that the quotas for taxi and PHV licences that Member States have included in their legislation on the grounds of public interest and public benefit infringe the freedom of establishment laid down in Article 49 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union?
- 2. There is widespread evidence that full liberalisation of taxi and PHV licences has a negative effect on urban transport. Given this, why has the Commission said it might be difficult to use the pursuit of a legitimate objective and compliance with the principles of necessity and proportionality stipulation as a basis for justifying legal requirements concerning, for example, the size of the vehicle fleet or the minimum or maximum number of licences any one operator may hold?