

**Question for written answer E-001124/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Availability of AdBlue and exception to current legislation

Under Euro VI tailpipe emission regulations, all new cars type-approved after 1 September 2014 must comply with stricter tailpipe emission limits.

The rise in the price of natural gas due to the Ukraine war and the end of fertiliser imports from Russia and Ukraine are now also threatening the operation of diesel cars equipped with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems. AdBlue is used, in combination with SCR, by trucks, buses and other heavy vehicles. The current situation is that AdBlue is running out.

These vehicle types operate in the transport industry and provide vital products for everyday life across the EU.

The deterioration in the availability of AdBlue also means that the costs for both EU consumers and the transport sector will increase significantly. If the substance becomes completely unavailable, EU trucks, vans, buses and other vehicles using SCR technology will be paralysed.

1. What does the Commission intend to do to ensure the availability of AdBlue on the EU internal market?
2. Does the Commission intend to make an exception to the current legislation if the availability of AdBlue cannot be guaranteed in the Member States?
3. How quickly does the Commission intend to act on this matter?