

**Question for written answer E-001381/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

Tom Vandenkendelaere (PPE)

Subject: Follow-up question (E-005004/2021): European harmonisation of admissible weights and dimensions in transport in the EU

In reply to parliamentary Question E-005004/2021, the European Commission stated that the freedom to establish weight limits can affect the efficiency of international transport operations. By analogy, the free establishment of transport dimensions also has a similar impact on freedom of movement in the European internal market. For cross-border transport, in particular for undertakings established and active in border regions, this poses an obstacle to freedom of movement of goods and services. The forage sector, among others, experiences serious barriers. The European Commission refers to the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, which provides for a revision of the relevant directives.

1. Does the Commission share the view that a lack of harmonised provisions for weights and dimensions in transport in the EU results in an unfair playing field for European hauliers and impedes freedom of movement for goods and services in the Union?
2. Does the Commission plan to work on a harmonised regulatory framework to guarantee freedom of movement for goods and services and a level playing field in the European internal market? If so, when could this be done?