

**Question for written answer E-003831/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** German car rental arrangements complicate crackdown on joyriders

Last week, a Dutch newspaper<sup>1</sup> reported on a traffic control carried out in Roosendaal. Eleven cars rented in Germany by people resident in the Netherlands were seized. The use of these – typically expensive and very fast – cars often goes hand in hand with traffic violations and lethal driving on public roads. Last summer, a tragic low point was reached when a road accident in Oud-Gastel cost two mothers and two children their lives. This accident was caused by a young man from the region driving a German rental car.

Dutch police are trying to catch the reckless drivers as soon as possible, but are hampered by the fact that the cars are rented in Germany. This makes it difficult to keep an oversight over rental-car drivers and to remind car rental companies that it is their responsibility to check who they rent their cars to. The border should not serve as protection for joyriders, especially given the risks posed to other road users.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission agree that it is not acceptable that cross-border rental arrangements can make it difficult, if not impossible, to deal with joyriders?
2. What measures can the Commission propose to solve this problem?

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<sup>1</sup> 'Snelheidsduivel Muis911 kan z'n Audi ook inleveren', BN de Stem, Saturday 19 November 2022