

Question for written answer E-003862/2022/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: Measures against overloaded lorries in the EU

Road studies show that transit heavy goods vehicles travelling on EU roads are particularly overloaded. Overloaded vehicles are a safety risk, emit more CO2 and significantly increase road maintenance costs. Lorries which exceed the maximum authorised weight or are incorrectly loaded pose a real risk to bridges in particular.

According to the executive, very few lorries on EU roads are currently checked for overloading by means of static weighing systems, as doing so requires a lot of staff input and time.

Dynamic weighing systems such as Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) allow lorries to be checked for overloading or unbalanced loading during the journey without affecting the flow of traffic.

1. What measures will the Commission take to effectively reduce the number of overloaded lorries on the roads?
2. Will a database containing the basic information (e.g. registration holder, type, year of manufacture, engine power and emission code, maximum authorised weight, number of axles) of all lorries using EU roads be set up?
3. When will the draft standard EN 17019 (Weigh-in-motion of road vehicles - requirements, FprEN 17019:2016) be finalised and brought into force?

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