

Question for written answer E-004117/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Sector-specific traffic ban in the Austrian land of Tyrol

As of 1 January 2023, the sector-specific traffic ban is to be tightened in the Austrian land of Tyrol. While only EURO 6 vehicles registered for the first time after 31 August 2018 has been be allowed to transit Tyrol from 1 January 2020, all EURO 6 vehicle traffic from or to Tyrol will be allowed to circulate as from 1 January 2023. In addition, an exception granted for east-west traffic (Cantons of Grison – Vorarlberg – Tyrol) has been extended until 31 December 2023, meaning that all EURO 6 vehicles can circulate (rather than vehicles registered for the first time after 31 August 2018).

1. Does the Commission not feel that the differential treatment between vehicles in transit and vehicles travelling from and to Tyrol in the final stages of the ban constitutes discrimination?
2. How does the Commission view the extension of the exception for east-west traffic?
3. The Austrian land of Tyrol has ruled out any exception for north-south traffic, citing air quality concerns. Should this criterion not also apply to east-west traffic for the sake of consistency?

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