

Question for written answer E-001526/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
Vera Tax (S&D)

Subject: Truck drivers' strike and implementation of EU mobility package

The situation regarding the striking third-country truck drivers in Germany is giving cause for concern. In recent years, an increasing number of drivers from outside the EU have been providing international road transport services. While this is ostensibly due to a shortage of drivers, a more likely reason is an attempt to save on labour costs. At the same time, legislation intended to improve working conditions will remain a dead letter unless properly enforced. What is even more worrying is the fact that the victims here are a vulnerable group of migrant workers who are in many cases dependent on their employer for work and residence permits in other EU countries.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what steps it is taking to ensure that third-country drivers are also complying with the standards of training and aptitude set out in Code 95, which is designed to reduce the risk of accidents for all European road users?
2. Is it known how many HGV driving licences throughout the EU are affected by the 185-day renewal requirement?
3. Has the Commission kept a record of the number of checks carried out and fines issued in the Member States for the period 2021-2022?

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