

**Question for written answer E-002446/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: SMT2 and temporary forbearance regime

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1228 lays out requirements for the construction, testing, installation, operation and repair of smart tachographs and their components. Applicable since 21 August 2023, it includes an obligation to fit all newly registered vehicles transporting goods or people that weigh more than 3.5 tonnes with the latest version of the smart tachograph (SMT2).

The installation of these tachographs is a crucial step forward in ensuring road safety, respect for drivers' rights, and the transparency and efficiency of police checks. However, several Member States have faced significant delays in the delivery of the new tachographs and their components. The main industry associations expect that the supply issues will block the registration of between 20 000 and 40 000 heavy-duty vehicles by the end of the year. Some Member States have already said they will put in place a temporary forbearance regime, but this needs to be extended uniformly at EU level to prevent distortions of competition, regulatory confusion and unjustified sanctions.

Will the Commission create an EU-wide forbearance regime for the obligation laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/1228, running until at least 31 December 2023?

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