

Question for written answer E-002721/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: The problematic overcrowding of HGV parking areas in France

A study carried out by the Commission in 2019 identified a shortage of safe and secure parking in the EU: although only 7 000 spaces are available, demand for overnight truck parking is estimated at 400 000 places per night.

The study also showed that cargo theft is on the rise and that around 75% of these crimes affected trucks parked in unsecured parking areas.

I was shocked to learn that truck parking areas are consistently completely full along France's major motorways and to see that many trucks park dangerously on the hard shoulder. Truck drivers have to park wherever they can in order to take their statutory break, seriously jeopardising their safety.

Why is the Commission not implementing the provisions of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1012 of 7 April 2022 supplementing Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the establishment of standards detailing the level of service and security of safe and secure parking areas and to the procedures for their certification?

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