

**Question for written answer E-002846/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Smart tachograph shortage making it impossible to comply with the rules of  
Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1228

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1228 – which concerns the requirements for the construction, testing, installation, operation and repair of smart tachographs and their components – introduced an obligation to install, as of 21 August 2023, the new version of the smart tachograph on newly registered vehicles used for carrying goods or people and weighing over 3.5 tonnes.

As a result of widespread delays to the supply of the new devices, which cannot be blamed on the companies in the sector, we understand that, in discussions with the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, DG MOVE gave assurances that there would be a grace period for failure to comply until at least 30 September 2023.

However, the problems with the supply of the new tachographs remain and are causing concern among companies and workers in the sector, who, even if they want to, are unable to comply with the EU obligations and risk being penalised for something that is not their fault.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission provide a further grace period?
2. What steps will it take to address the root causes of the supply difficulties mentioned above, which certainly risk also affecting the upcoming deadlines for installing smart tachographs on vehicles already in circulation?

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