

**Question for written answer E-000155/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Wrongdoing in cross-border transport of waste between France and Spain

Random checks introduced in recent months on trucks carrying waste from France to Spain have detected serious or very serious infractions on one in every three of those vehicles. It is common practice to hide waste that should have been processed in the country of origin among treated waste and other waste that can be transported legally. These practices are driven by the fact that treating waste in Spain costs a sixth of what it does in France, meaning big profits for companies that transport waste in this way rather than collecting and treating it where it was produced. The method used results in untreated, highly polluting waste being buried in landfills at the destination. Although oversight of this process is ultimately up to national authorities, the cross-border nature of this 'business' calls for EU intervention.

1. What information does the Commission have on these non-compliant operations?
2. What scope does the Commission have to encourage better cooperation among Member States to deal with such practices?
3. Does the Commission believe that current legislation is enough to put a stop to these practices?

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