

ORAL QUESTION H-0472/05  
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2005  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Bogusław Liberadzki  
to the Commission

Subject: Regulations governing the rights and duties of international and long-distance coach passengers

The adoption of a European regulation on the rights and duties of international rail passengers will mean that such rights will be regulated in respect of air and rail transport, but not of international and long-distance coach transport, so concern for the passenger will ensure better treatment, particularly in the event of accidents on rail and air transport systems, but also at the same time will ensure lower costs for coach transport.

Does the Commission believe that it would be appropriate to draw up a proposal for suitable regulations covering the international (and also long-distance) coach transport sector, particularly in view of the fact that the accident rate in that sector is significantly higher than in any other mass transport sector? My question stems both from concern for the passenger and from the need to ensure comparable conditions of competition in the international passenger transport market.

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