

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2030/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Geographical toll

The French authorities have announced their intention to levy a new 'geographical' tax on all heavy goods vehicles within the country's territory, over and above the motorway tolls already paid there.

This would constitute a blatant distortion of the proper functioning of the single market. What steps will the Commission take vis-à-vis France to ensure the proper functioning of the market in the event of the 'geographical toll' being introduced?

To what extent might this measure constitute a violation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of nationality within the European Union?

Finally, what effect would this measure have on the free movement of goods?