

**Question for written answer P-008397/2011
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Classification of rail transport with regard to its economic and ecological benefits

In view of the economic and ecological benefits associated with rail transport, would it be possible to include this form of transport in the category of 'electric road vehicle', within the meaning of Article 3(4)(c) of Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC¹? As a follow-on from this, would it be possible to apply the coefficient of 2.5, as set out in Article 3(4)(c) of the aforementioned Directive, which is used when calculating the amount of electrical energy from renewable energy sources used by electric road vehicles?

¹ OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p.1.