

**Question for written answer P-002744/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: European noise standards for rail transport

At the part-session in Strasbourg, the European Parliament adopted the new noise standards for motor vehicles. In many Member States, numerous members of the public are also disturbed by rail noise, particularly from high-speed trains. In order to ensure fair competition, all trains ought to be required to comply with the same noise standard in order to be placed on the internal market.

1. Will the Commission also adopt noise standards for trains at European level?
2. If so, when can a Commission proposal be expected? If not, how will the Commission protect the public against noise nuisance from trains?