Question for written answer P-001424/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski (ECR)

Subject: Need for rapid and detailed justification of decision on truck cartel

On 17 July 2016, DG Competition published its decision to fine truck producers for participating in a cartel (case AT.39824). However, a justification of this decision has yet to be published. When can we expect the full text of the justification?

In preparing its justification, is the Commission taking into account the guidelines it laid down in its Communication on quantifying harm in actions for damages based on breaches of Article 101 or 102 TFEU, so that the content of the justification and the evidence it sets out, particularly in relation to sales price inflation in Poland and other Member States, can help injured consumers and businesses in the Member States bring actions under private law (in accordance with the aims of Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014)?

Of particular concern is the fact that any further delay in the publication of the justification may lead to statute-barring of claims in countries which have an absolute limitation period. As businesses do not know the details of the cartel agreement, they are unable to estimate their claims and effectively bring them to court.

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