

Question for written answer P-001262/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Possibility of scrapping toll charges for zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles under Directive 1999/62/EC

Article 7g(1) of Directive 1999/62/EC states that 'Member States shall vary the infrastructure charge according to the EURO emission class of the vehicle in such a way that no infrastructure charge is more than 100 % above the same charge for equivalent vehicles meeting the strictest emission standards.'

The 'strictest' EURO emission class, Euro VI, has now been in force for more than five years (since 31 December 2013), and is the new norm for heavy-duty vehicles in the EU.

It follows, therefore, that toll systems under which Euro VI is considered the 'strictest' class are becoming less effective.

It was partly for this reason that the Commission proposed a reform of the directive in May 2017 to oblige Member States to apply a mandatory 75 % toll discount to zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles.

Since such vehicles produce no tailpipe emissions at all, they could be consistent with a stricter emission standard than Euro VI.

Does the Commission therefore agree that the wording of the directive leaves room for Member States to apply toll discounts to zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles, as long as the highest rate levied for regular EURO class vehicles is not more than 100 % higher than the toll charge for zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles?