

**Priority question for written answer P-002885/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Maximum authorised weight for cross-border road transport and Directive 2015/719

Directive 2015/719 lays down a maximum authorised weight of 40 tonnes for cross-border road transport between Member States. Some Member States are also allowing national, often higher, weight limits for cross-border transport, as they have failed to transpose the directive properly. As a result, there is no legal basis for enforcement, meaning that clients can ask hauliers to drive internationally with a greater tonnage than authorised. Clarity must therefore be ensured as to how the directive is operating.

1. Can the Commission say whether a Member State may derogate from the directive and increase the authorised weight in cross-border road transport between Member States to the nationally applicable limits within that Member State?
2. Can the Commission list the Member States that have either implemented or failed to implement the directive and include details of how Member States have derogated from it?
3. If the Commission has identified derogations, does it intend to engage with the relevant national authorities in the short term in order to avoid further ambiguity?