

**Question for written answer E-014451/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Noise standards

Road traffic is the second worst source of noise, in terms of its impact on health. If the rules concerning the noise level from tyres on Europe's motorways were stepped up, this could produce enormous savings on health costs in the EU.

Research by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment (in cooperation with TNO and M+P) has shown that the use of Triple A tyres could not only greatly reduce noise nuisance in the short term but also improve energy efficiency and grip on wet road surfaces.

The evaluation of the Regulation on General Safety currently being conducted by the Commission also concerns the limits on noise from tyres.

1. When will the Commission publish the results of this evaluation specifically concerning the limits on tyre noise?
2. Will the research conducted by the Dutch authorities also be used in this evaluation?
3. What practical measures will be taken further to this evaluation?