

Question for written answer E-004417/2025

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Decision of the Bulgarian National Assembly to restrict the export of petroleum products – an infringement of the principle of free movement of goods in the EU?

The decision of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria (SG No 93/1.11.2025) to introduce a temporary measure restricting the export and intra-Community supplying of petroleum products to other EU Member States entered into force on 1 November 2025.

The decision prohibits the export and supplying of certain petroleum products, including diesel and aviation fuel, without establishing a timetable for its implementation.

It is seriously questionable as to whether this measure is compatible with EU law as it runs counter to Article 35 TFEU, is not justified by any of the exceptions under Article 36 TFEU, violates Article 37 TFEU as it is discriminatory and restricts competition, impinges on a sole competence of the Union under Articles 206 and 207 TFEU and Regulation (EU)2015/479, and undermines the principle of the uniform management of exports under the Union Customs Code (Regulation (EU) No 952/2013).

Questions:

1. Does the Commission consider this measure to be compatible with the obligations arising from Articles 35 to 37 TFEU on the free movement of goods within the internal market?
2. Has the Commission opened, or does it intend to open, a dialogue with the Bulgarian authorities to clarify the legal basis, justification for, and duration of this measure?
3. What steps does the Commission plan to take to ensure that Bulgaria guarantees the free movement of goods within the internal market?

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