

**Question for written answer E-004564/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Removing regulatory barriers to the uptake of electric-powered vans

Electric-powered vans with a total permissible laden weight between 3 501 -4 250 kg are subject to rules for small trucks. This places electric-powered vans with similar loading capacities as conventionally powered vans at a regulatory disadvantage because of their higher dead weights, due to their heavier batteries, and risks slowing down the transition to zero-emission vehicles.

Raising the weight threshold for electric-powered vans from 3 500 kg to 4 250 kg and exempting them from the set of regulatory requirements for small trucks would help increase market uptake of electric vehicles, accelerate the green transition of road transport, and reduce administrative burdens on businesses in line with the Commission's simplification agenda.

1. Will the Commission assess the impact of a permanent increase of the weight threshold, from 3 500 kg to 4 250 kg, on the transition of the road transport sector to zero-emission vehicles?
2. Will the Commission consider establishing a regulatory sandbox to gather data and test the effects of such an increase in a controlled environment?
3. Based on the insights gained through such a sandbox model, would the Commission consider a revision of the legal framework applicable to electric-powered vans?

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