

**Question for written answer E-003059/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Difficulties in interpreting Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 resulting from the concept of ‘week’

A letter from a trainer in road transport sent to several Members draws attention to recurrent difficulties regarding interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. The letter’s author states that use of the word ‘week’ in Articles 4 and 6 leads to misunderstandings in practice and problematic situations during inspections – particularly the distinction between a calendar week and a working week.

1. Can the Commission confirm whether it is aware of these enforcement troubles, which appear to have a real impact on road transport drivers, particularly those in the perishable goods transport and passenger transport sectors?
2. Does it intend to clarify how it interprets ‘week’ to ensure the text is properly applied in all Member States or propose a targeted amendment to the regulation to remove any ambiguity?

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