

Question for written answer E-003270/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Restrictions on the establishment of private roadworthiness inspection centres in Greece and their compatibility with EU law

Article 34(2) of Law 2963/2001, as amended by Article 73 of Law 4850/2021, lays down restrictions on the location of private roadworthiness inspection centres (KTEO), forbidding or substantially limiting their establishment in areas within the town/city limits. There have been complaints about these restrictions artificially reducing the availability of suitable real estate, about them making it harder for new businesses to enter the market and about them favouring existing businesses. Meanwhile, the need for these restrictions has not been substantiated.

The fact that the services provided by modern roadworthiness inspection centres are low- nuisance and that they can operate under strict technical and environmental requirements, calls into question the compatibility of the contentious restrictions with Articles 49 and 56 TFEU, as well as with Articles 14 and 15 of Directive 2006/123/EC on services, which forbid unjustified geographical restrictions and require national restrictions to be necessary and proportionate.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it consider these provisions to be compatible with Directive 2006/123/EC and the fundamental freedoms of the internal market?
2. Has it assessed whether these restrictions are necessary and proportionate?
3. Does it intend to examine whether the application of Greek legislation constitutes an infringement of EU law and does it intend to initiate the applicable procedures if necessary?

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