

**Question for written answer E-002659/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Social dumping in cross-Channel transport services

France has adopted Law No 2023-659 of 26 July 2023 to combat social dumping by shipping companies using flags of convenience on cross-Channel transport. The law stipulates that the French minimum wage must apply for the crew of all shipping companies, irrespective of the flag they fly, with regular international passenger crossings docking at a French port. In addition, crew must be given at least as many days of rest on land as they have days of service on board.

1. While the Commission is looking into whether this national law is in line with EU law, particularly in regard to the provisions of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 (Rome I), can it clarify its approach in substance regarding this important issue?
2. Does the Commission intend to apply a similar measure at EU level in order to combat social dumping effectively, protect workers' rights and avoid any risk of fragmentation of the internal market?

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