

**Question for written answer E-007516/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Amount of margins in EU food retail

Differences between the supply prices and end prices of food sold in shops have increased by some 10 % in the Czech Republic in the past year, according to the Czech Food Chamber's calculations. Some food products are sold to consumers with a mark-up of more than 100 %. Traders argue that retail margins are significantly lower than in other Member States. Eurostat regularly publishes data on the average prices of food and drinks in the EU, but these data do not differentiate between margins and mark-ups.

1. Does the Commission have a statistical summary of the amounts of margins on basic food products in the individual Member States?
2. Are there common rules (compulsory or voluntary) for determining amounts for retail margins for basic food products on the EU's internal market?
3. Are the Member States regulating the amounts of retail mark-ups applied by food retailers?