

**Question for written answer E-009629/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: ID cards for workers and safety training on building sites

In Denmark the Danish Working Environment Authority (*Arbejdstilsynet*) is the public authority responsible for the working environment. Its task is to help create safe, healthy and fulfilling work by carrying out checks on firms and workplaces, drawing up rules, providing information on the working environment, etc.

The Working Environment Authority screens all undertakings, which means that all firms with employees receive a visit from the Authority to check whether the firm complies with the law on the working environment. If shortcomings are observed, a more detailed inspection may take place and the firm may be required to use a specialist working environment consultant to make improvements. The result of the screening is that the firm is awarded a smiley, on the following criteria:

Green if there are no problems with the working environment at that time.

Yellow if the firm has received an order to take action (*påbud*) or an order to take immediate action (*strakspåbud*).

Red if the firm has been subject to a prohibition (*forbud*) or received an order to take advice.

The red or yellow smileys are removed from the Authority's website when the situation has been regularised, but no sooner than six months after being awarded.

The Authority may take action against hazardous or harmful conditions by means of advice, orders (*påbud* or *strakspåbud*) or prohibitions. In this connection the issue of being able to identify workers has become a recurrent problem.

Can the Commission please state whether it would be contrary to Denmark's obligations under EU law for the country to introduce requirements on ID cards and safety training for building site employees?