

**Question for written answer E-010598/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The right to use the name Teran

Teran is a name that relates to an Istrian grape variety that has been part of Istria's identity for more than 650 years (Istria, today, being part of Croatia, Slovenia and Italy). At the end of the 19th century, there were 35 000–40 000 hectares of Teran in Istria. In 2000, Slovenia protected the geographical designation Kraški Teran, and this protection was introduced in the EU in 2004. When the protection system was revised in the EU in 2008, Kraški Teran became Teran. Consequently, Croatian producers were prohibited from placing Teran wine on the market under this name, although Italian producers were not.

Scientific papers have proved that Teran is a grape variety, which cannot be protected, and to which everyone has a right.

Slovenia legislation unlike that of Croatia and Italy makes no reference to Teran as a grape variety, the wine in question being produced from the Refosco grape variety. Croatia and Italy have both the Teran and Refosco grape varieties and wines. It has been scientifically proven that these are two distinct grape varieties – Teran and Refosco – although the terms were viewed in the past as synonymous.

As the Slovenian protected name Teran is an internationally recognised grape variety, the prohibition is based on false premises. As this sets a precedent in EU wine legislation, what is the European Commission going to do to correct this?