

**Question for written answer E-000089/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Traceability

According to Article 58 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, 'all lots of fisheries and aquaculture products shall be traceable at all stages of production, processing and distribution, from catching or harvesting to retail stage.' The provisions were to be adhered to by 1 January 2012 according to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011. A reliable traceability system is important to ensure consumer confidence in fishery products and it is an important prerequisite for the effective implementation of the reformed common fisheries policy.

Can the Commission provide information concerning:

1. the actual implementation of the traceability requirement in Member States;
2. its initiatives to ensure compliance with the traceability requirement.