

**Question for written answer E-000423/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Social security benefit and beneficiary's country of residence

A new rule came into force in the United Kingdom recently to change the conditions qualifying people for the social security benefit known as the 'winter fuel payment'.

Under these new qualifying conditions, the United Kingdom now makes a distinction between different places where beneficiaries reside; in particular, British citizens living in France no longer live in a qualifying country, unlike those living in a number of other EU Member States.

A British resident in my constituency has quite rightly contacted me, therefore, as owing to the fact that he resides in France, he no longer receives this benefit.

Does this change in British legislation comply with EU law?