

**Question for written answer E-000721/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: SNCM (Société Nationale Maritime Corse Méditerranée)

On 28 November 2014, the Commercial Court of Marseille placed SNCM in receivership.

In early September 2014, the Court of Justice of the European Union confirmed that SNCM would be required to pay back the State aid granted by France when the company was privatised in 2006. The ruling came on top of the fines already imposed by the Commission in 2013 for the unlawful payment of State aid to the company between 2002 and 2006.

Many jobs and livelihoods in Marseille and the surrounding area depend on the continued existence of SNCM. In December 2014, the French Government announced that it would hold talks with the Commission to secure the future of the company which emerges from the receivership procedure. Since then, the situation has been very unclear and the French authorities have provided no further details.

As things stand, what future does the Commission see for SNCM?