

**Question for written answer E-002764/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Small breweries and the TTIP

A significant obstacle to growth in the sales of European beers in the United States is unfair tax measures applied to small European breweries in comparison to their American competitors.

Namely, all European brewers, both large and small, pay at the full tax rate of USD 18 per barrel, while small US manufacturers are taxed at USD 7 per barrel for the first 60 000 barrels produced.

I ask the Commission how it will use the TTIP to protect small European breweries in relation to their American competitors in the US market.