

**Question for written answer E-003455/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: US restrictions on access to public procurement markets

Further to my question (E-008844/2014) on the asymmetric opening of European public procurement markets and those of our key trading partners, I wish to draw the Commission's attention to the many measures taken by the United States which are intended to restrict participation in tender procedures for public infrastructure contracts to American companies.

To give just one example, although it has already been vetoed once by the US Ministry of Transportation, the *Grow America Act* may soon be adopted. This federal law, which aims to improve road infrastructure and public transport in the United States, stipulates that in order to be eligible for funding companies providing public transport services must use vehicles made with American components.

The proportion of 'American content' required would increase each year, from 60% next year to 100% in 2019, for all public transport projects. The adoption of this law would thus restrict even further European companies' access to US public procurement markets.

If this does happen, will the Commission adopt similar legislation as a reprisal?