

**Question for written answer E-004217/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Taking stock of the ban on tax discrimination in the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Albania

The ban on tax discrimination between the EU and Albania, contained in the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, is aimed at avoiding the penalising of imports of goods and services. However, the (qualitative and quantitative) asymmetries in the dimensions of both parties may in themselves generate discrimination which could only be compensated through tax discrimination.

Does the Commission not consider that the ban on tax discrimination favours the Union and penalises Albania?