

**Question for written answer E-004219/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Taking stock of the ban on tax discrimination in the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The ban on tax discrimination between the EU and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 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 the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia?