

**Question for written answer E-004429/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cider tax

There is much concern in South West England and other parts of the UK regarding news that the Commission has insisted the UK Government must impose a tax on traditional, small-scale cider producers, i.e. those producing less than 70 hectolitres a year. The duty exemption is worth GBP 2 500 to small firms in the UK.

Does the Commission take the view that the UK could charge nominal duty?