

**Question for written answer E-004789/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Referral of the EU-Singapore agreement to the CJEU

The European Commission has decided to refer the free trade agreement with Singapore to the Court of Justice of the European Union with a request for it to address the question of whether it is a mixed-type agreement.

This referral will extend the time it takes for the agreement to be ratified by at least a year.

1. At what stage did the Commission alert our trade partner (Singapore) and the companies affected to this eventuality, namely a delay in finalising this agreement?
2. Has the Commission had a response from our trade partners with respect to this new timescale?
3. Can the Commission provide an estimate of the costs associated with this extension of the referral procedure?