

**Question for written answer E-007928/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

**Jarosław Wałęsa (PPE)**

Subject: Negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) in the area of cosmetics

The Commission is currently engaged in negotiations on TTIP. A round of negotiations was held in New York from 20 to 24 April 2015, and the 10th round of negotiations will be held in Brussels from 13 to 17 July 2015.

In order to carry out an in-depth assessment of whether the agreement will bring benefits for European cosmetic firms – and particularly for SMEs in that sector – it is vital that the scope for negotiations in this area be clarified.

1. Is the Commission negotiating with the USA on standardising or harmonising the definitions of cosmetic products in US and EU legislation by adapting them to the provisions of Regulation 1223/2009/EC, or at least on partially harmonising the requirements for that category of over-the-counter (OTC) products classified as cosmetics in the EU?
2. Is the Commission negotiating on mutual recognition or, at the least, on the partial harmonisation of GMP (good manufacturing practice) procedures for cosmetic products and OTC medicines (which are classified as cosmetics in the EU)?
3. Is the Commission considering the possibility of having products containing UV filters reclassified as cosmetics on the US market?