

Question for written answer E-008291/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: VAT on sanitary products

EU regulations currently prevent any items upon which VAT is currently applied from having that VAT removed from them. This rule has led to the lamentable situation in the UK where VAT is levied on female sanitary products despite widespread support from across the political spectrum that they should be considered to be an essential item and thus VAT should not be charged. The British Prime Minister himself has stated that he would like to classify sanitary products as essential.

Is the Commission currently considering putting forward any proposals that would put an end to this restriction, which is inflexible, unfit for purpose and undemocratic?