

**Question for written answer E-010763/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Walmart's tax practices

According to a report published by the campaigning organisation 'Americans For Tax Fairness', the US firm Walmart has set up no fewer than 22 companies in Luxembourg over the last few years, including five in 2015 alone, despite running no business operations there at all.

According to the report, the aim of the scheme is to minimise the tax Walmart has to pay to the countries where its international operations are based and to avoid having to repatriate profits to the US, where they would be taxed at a rate of 35%.

Does the Commission intend to verify whether the tax deals between the Luxembourg tax authorities and Walmart constitute unlawful state aid?