

**Question for written answer E-012466/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Reducing food waste

Rough estimates show that around 50 % of edible food is wasted every year. According to these projections, some 89 million tonnes of food are wasted in the 27 EU Member States every year, which works out at 179 kg per person.

In view of the gravity of this situation, Parliament adopted a report in 2012 calling on the Commission to take urgent steps to halve food waste by 2025. Several proposals were put forward at the time, relating to labels with two validity dates – deadline for sale and deadline for consumption – and to changing the size of packaging to help consumers buy an appropriate amount, amongst other things.

Can the Commission please state what has been done in relation to this issue since 2012, what plans have been adopted and what its assessment of the results is?