

**Question for written answer E-000329/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Investigation of differences in products with the same brand and packaging in the internal market

In its resolution of 11 June 2013 on a new agenda for European Consumer Policy, the European Parliament expressed its belief that consumers in different Member States do not enjoy access to the same level of quality when buying products with the same brand and packaging in the single market.

It referred to the conclusions of various surveys that show that consumers are concerned on a long-term basis about possible differences in the quality of products with the same brand and packaging which are distributed in the single market.

In this resolution the European Parliament therefore called on the Commission to 'carry out a meaningful investigation into this issue that would make it possible to evaluate whether there is a need for adjustment of existing Union legislation'. It also called on the Commission to inform the European Parliament and consumers on the outcome of the investigation.

Through the resolution on a new agenda for European Consumer Policy, the European Parliament defined its own policy framework for improving consumer protection and consumer rights in the internal market over the period 2014-2020.

What investigations has the Commission carried out since this call was made by the European Parliament, and with what results?