

**Question for written answer E-000866/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Falsified Medicines Directive

The Falsified Medicines Directive is a very important piece of legislation that aims to reduce the number of counterfeit, and often dangerous, medicines in EU markets. However, I have been contacted by a UK medical professional with concerns about the impact of this on charities. Requirements for maintaining a strict supply chain have left charities unable to redistribute patient-returned unopened medicines, as many of them obtain medicines as donations from clinics that do not have a wholesaler's licence.

1. Were any impact assessments carried out on the effects of the directive on the donation of patient-returned unopened medicines by charities or NGOs?
2. If not, would the Commission commit to investigating this issue?