

**Question for written answer E-001277/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Customs rules for video cameras

The European Union classifies devices with a recording capacity of 30 minutes or more as video cameras or camcorders. This category of products is subject to an import duty of 4.9%. Import duty for devices that are capable of recording from external sources rises to 12.5%. Import duty does not apply to still cameras.

1. Is this correct?
2. What view does the Commission take of the fact that manufacturers have responded by placing a technical limitation on recording time so that cameras are not subject to import duty, even though this represents a disadvantage for consumers?
3. Will the Commission change the rates of duty to the benefit of consumers?