

**Question for written answer E-001588/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Excessive packaging

When consumers buy household goods for private use, the item comes protected by a large amount of packaging. There is often too much of this packaging, which must be disposed of once the item has entered use.

This applies both to goods from the EU's internal market and, in particular, to those produced outside Europe, such as in Asia.

Disposing of packaging is a major environmental issue for EU Member States and, what is more, is very costly.

What is the Commission's view of this issue?

Has it conducted any assessments of the extent of the problem, and of its harmful economic and environmental impact?

Does it have any initiatives underway to reduce the amount of packaging used?