

**Question for written answer E-002634/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulation on the quality of candles

As several newspapers reported at the end of last year, the Commission is planning a regulation on the quality of candles on the European market. As a result, new safety design features shall ensure that candles cannot topple over, that the flame is not too high and that candles automatically go out when they have burned all the way down. In order to make it easier for consumers to understand, pictograms shall be provided with the candles which illustrate how to use them.

1. Why does the Commission consider it necessary to regulate candles and thus further patronise the citizens of Europe, when the responsible use of fire is common sense and something which should be taught in childhood?
2. Will the implementation of this regulation not lead to an increase in production costs which will then be passed on to the consumer?