Question for written answer E-006486/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Sorin Moisă (S&D)

Subject: 3D printing

According to the Strategy Policy Forum on Digital Entrepreneurship, the forum established by DG Internal Market, 3D printing would move industry from mass-production to mass-customisation. The production of 3D-printed goods depends on the availability of 3D printers, specific digital files and materials. In a scenario of rapid development of such technology, each individual seller would have the possibility to produce custom-made goods in proximity to the buyer.

How does the Commission intend to standardise and supervise the quality of 3D-printed outputs if the production system is mainly characterised as being decentralised?

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