

Question for written answer E-006682/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Enforcement of intellectual property rights in Ireland

I have been contacted by a constituent who claims that the Republic of Ireland has failed to fully implement Articles 2 and 3 and Recital 17 of Directive 2004/48/EC on the enforcement of intellectual property rights by the deadline of 29 April 2006.

The constituent claims that this has culminated in 'small EU intellectual property owners not being able to bring low-value cases (under EUR 15 000) to court without solicitors and barristers'.

1. Does the Commission monitor the implementation of Articles 2 and 3 and Recital 17 of Directive 2004/48/EC on the enforcement of intellectual property rights?
2. Could the Commission confirm whether Ireland is in fact breaching these aforementioned articles and the directive on the whole?
3. If Ireland has broken EU law, how does the Commission intend to enforce it?