

**Question for written answer E-007962/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Competitiveness of European companies

On 5 October 2016, the leaders of the multinational Diageo communicated the decision of the company TWE to no longer use the bottling services provided by the Santa Vittoria d'Alba facility, which constitutes 40% of the total volume of the factory's production. This led to considerable concerns among the workers of the Piedmont-based facility and local institutions. Given that the Santa Vittoria d'Alba facility, which is Diageo's most substantial site in continental Europe, employs around 430 staff and is one of the most important and cutting-edge bottling facilities in Italy thanks to its highly-skilled workers and its close links to the local area, can the Commission say whether:

1. It is aware of any staff cutbacks by Diageo at the Santa Vittoria d'Alba factory?
2. Does the Commission plan to take further action in the logistic and fiscal sectors to promote and boost the competitiveness of European companies and the standardisation of labour costs?