

**Question for written answer E-008338/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Tax arrangements for Europe's ports

The Commission has launched detailed enquiries into the tax arrangements for ports in Belgium, France and the Netherlands in order to make sure that they are in line with the EU's state aid rules.

These enquiries, which are at various stages of completion, are a follow-up to a Commission questionnaire that was sent to Member States on tax arrangements for European ports. While the Commission's decision to ensure compliance on a case-by-case basis is understandable, it is astonishing that no detailed report has yet been published on the results of the study, given that the questionnaire was sent to the Member States on 3 July 2013.

For the sake of transparency, will the Commission make the results of the study publicly available, or at the very least send them to Parliament?

In the light of the results of that study, can the Commission confirm that no Member States other than those currently being subjected to detailed enquiries give ports special tax arrangements that can be considered state aid?