

**Question for written answer E-000618/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Article 62 of the EU Customs Code

The EU Customs Code has reformed EU customs law in order to bring it into line with technological progress.

This involved a far-reaching amendment of the provisions concerning the 'long-term supplier declaration' (LTSD). The new provisions on LTSDs stipulate that the date of issue of an LTSD may no longer fall within its period of validity, and that the retrospective effect of such a declaration may no longer exceed one year before its date of issue.

According to an online survey among 1 200 German businesses engaged in foreign trade, the new LTSDs are creating additional burdens on industry.

1. To what extent is the Commission aware of the problem of the additional burdens on businesses engaged in foreign trade?
2. What were the reasons for changing the rules on LTSDs?
3. Can the reform of LTSDs be reversed?