

Question for written answer E-001192/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Review of Regulation No 182/2011 on 'Comitology'

On 14 February 2017, the College of Commissioners announced its intention to review Regulation 182/2011 on 'Comitology' with a view to increasing transparency and accountability in the procedures for implementing EU law.

It has proposed four standout measures: change of the voting rules in the Appeal Committee procedure; participation of national Ministers in the Appeal Committee; greater voting transparency by making public the votes in the Appeal Committee; possibility of referring a matter to the Council of Ministers for an opinion.

While the aim of increasing transparency and accountability in this opaque and complex process is a laudable one, the proposal for a review fails to respond to the genuine need to render the procedure less technical, less bureaucratic and easier for the European public to understand.

Can the Commission state, in this respect:

1. What new powers does the draft regulation grant to the European Parliament, as the sole direct representative of the European public?
2. Does the Commission also plan to propose a review of the rules on delegated acts, which is the only area of secondary legislation in which the European Parliament has a right of veto?