

**Question for written answer E-001676/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Approval of specifications for granting geographical indications to wines

In 2011, the Commission took on the task of assessing the specifications for wines for which a geographical indication was being sought; since then, a growing backlog has meant that hundreds of specifications are still awaiting approval, while only a very small number have been rubber-stamped.

The delay has resulted in considerable legal uncertainty for producers who have applied for a geographical indication, as their products are required to bear temporary product labels while awaiting approval. What is more, under the draft delegated act on the 'Lisbonisation' of Regulation (EC) No 607/2009, the Commission plans to abolish the temporary labelling system, which would result in significant delays when adapting products to meet market demand.

1. Is the Commission considering the possibility of implementing a fast-track approval system for specifications that have been awaiting approval since 2011?
2. How will it protect producers who have been using temporary labels for the past few years against the risk that their specifications may not be approved?
3. Has it analysed the potential impact on the market of the decision to abolish the temporary labelling system?