

**Question for written answer E-001755/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Transitional provisions in Directive 2014/53/EU and consequences of a lack of harmonised standards

Manufacturers of radio equipment and of products containing radio modules face the problem of a serious lack of harmonised standards under the radio equipment directive, 2014/53/EU ('RED'). Less than three months before the end of the transitional period, during which it is still possible to operate under the previous directive – concerning radio and telecommunications terminal equipment ('R&TTE directive') - only 65 harmonised standards for 'RED' have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union. In the absence of harmonised standards for the use of the radio spectrum, manufacturers are required to contact a notified body. Besides additional certification costs for manufacturers, this causes delays in placing products on the market, which are aggravated by the available capacity at notified bodies.

1. In view of these circumstances, is the Commission considering a proposal to extend the transitional period laid down in the RED?
2. If not, will the 'R&TTE' harmonised standards be indicated under 'RED' in the Official Journal of the European Union until the missing new versions of standards have been finalised?