

**Question for written answer E-002640/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Grass clippings and prunings

Decree 264 of 13 October 2016, in force in Italy since March 2017, classes grass clippings and prunings from public and private green spaces as by-products.

In the Commission's answer to question E-008519/2016, with regard to law 154 of 2016 which excluded grass clippings and prunings from the definition of waste, it stated that grass clippings and prunings are to be considered waste in all respects and must therefore be managed and treated in line with the objectives of Article 4 and Article 13 of Directive 2008/98/EC; the Commission also claimed that it would raise the matter with the competent Italian authorities.

In the light of the above:

- Has the Commission discussed the matter with the Italian authorities (or when will it do so) and, if it has done so, what answers has it received?
- How will it proceed, in the light of Decree 264, which has come into force in the meantime, to guarantee that grass clippings and prunings are considered in all respects as waste and are managed and treated as such?
- Has it set up an EU Pilot procedure, and if not, when will it do so?