

**Question for written answer E-002938/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Management of waste from extractive industries

Directive 2006/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the management of waste from extractive industries and amending Directive 2004/35/EC provides for measures, procedures and guidelines intended to prevent adverse effects on the environment or on human health which are brought about as a result of the management of extractive waste, and to minimise such effects. The Directive should have been implemented by 1 May 2008. Unfortunately, many Member States had difficulties incorporating it into national law when it came to 'meeting the deadlines', 'quality' or both. The fact that the Commission has not yet published the guidelines for inspections is one of the reasons behind those difficulties and has resulted in the Member States taking different approaches. As a result, the objectives of the Directive could not be achieved to the same extent by all Member States, which means its effectiveness varies from one Member State to another.

When will the Commission publish those guidelines and how many Member States have experienced implementation delays because the guidelines have yet to be published?