

**Question for written answer E-003439/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Food waste

There is no uniform definition of waste worldwide, and food waste is no exception. Under EU law, food waste definitions have hitherto focused on the specific goal of environmental impact reduction, which is just one of many aims outlined in the international framework. What is more, there is no specific definition of food waste under EU law, including Directive 2008/98/EC on waste (Waste Framework Directive). The last Directive (75/442/EEC) to contain a definition was amended in 1991 to include 'categories of waste' (Annex I) and omit any reference to national law.

Is the Commission considering clarifying the distinction between waste and non-waste products under EU law, as doing so could affect the efficient use of by-products?