

**Question for written answer E-003515/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Uncontrolled noise levels in Tarifa (Spain)

Noise has for years been a serious problem in Tarifa and the municipal and regional authorities are failing to get to grips with it despite calls for noise regulation measures in built-up areas and along the beaches situated in Special Protection Area (SPA) ES0000337, with their numerous bars, pubs and refreshment stalls. Residents are being forced to sell their homes and traders based in Tarifa are being driven away at the end of the day in search of a good night's sleep. Taking shelter behind the Andalusian Public Entertainment and Recreation Act, the Government is wrongfully authorising premises to remain open, until 7a.m. during Holy Week also, despite the fact that a residential facility for the elderly is situated in the town centre.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission consider that the Spanish authorities are complying with the provisions of Directives 96/61/EC and 2002/49/EC?
2. How does the Commission intend to bring this matter to the attention of the Spanish authorities and /or what action does it intend to take in this regard?