

**Question for written answer E-007140/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Reducing the powers of Spain's markets and competition authority

On 13 October, Spain's Council of Ministers passed a royal decree entrusting the Secretariat of State for Energy with competencies that had been the preserve of the National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC), such as responsibility for conducting inspections and liquidations, supervision of the liquid hydrocarbons sector, the system for certifying biofuels and overseeing transactions. What is more, the State Secretariat for the Information Society and the Digital Agenda has been entrusted with new tasks such as registering operators, granting usage rights, regulating access to numbers or services, maintaining the public numbering registry, managing and setting general rates and numbering fees, as well as fees for directories of subscribers to electronic communications services and the provision of information services about them. Its affiliation to the Undersecretariat of the School of Industrial Organisation has also been removed.

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
2. In view of the ongoing infraction proceedings against Spain concerning these practices, does the Commission believe this to be an alteration of the powers of these supervising bodies?
3. Will the Commission take any action?