

**Question for written answer E-000014/2018/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Implementation of Directive (EU) 2015/720 in Italy

The transposition into Italian legislation of Directive (EU) 2015/720 of the European Parliament and of the Council seems to be progressing rather slowly, given that the deadline set for national governments to introduce the provisions of the directive into their national law has expired. The way in which the Italian Government has chosen to implement the directive has not been well received by the public and the secretary of one of the governing parties has been claiming that these measures are being imposed by the European institutions, and that this is all 'at Brussels' behest'.

Can the Commission state:

1. whether it considers the implementing arrangements chosen by the Italian Government to be more restrictive than those required by the directive;
2. whether any other countries have opted for solutions that are equally, if not more, restrictive;
3. whether it believes that the need to adhere closely to the previous rules, which were already rather stringent from the environmental protection point of view, might also be to blame for the delay in Italy?