

**Question for written answer E-001170/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Code of conduct - dual quality food

On 26 September 2017, the Commission issued a set of guidelines on the application of EU food and consumer laws to dual quality products. The purpose of the guidelines is to make the existing European legal provisions easier to apply and to give instructions on how to determine whether a given practice can be considered unfair under Directive 2005/29/EC concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market. On the same day (26 September 2017), the Commission stated in a press release that it was working, in cooperation with producers and brand associations, on a code of conduct to address the issue of dual quality food.

1. At what stage of development is the Code, and when will it be ready, according to Commission estimates?
2. How will it be legally enforceable, and how will the Commission check that it is being complied with?
3. What new requirements will be brought in by the Code for manufacturers and/or distributors, and in what way will it solve the issue of 'dual quality' products?