

**Question for written answer E-002823/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Renewable energy: grey and green electricity

In Europe, the origin of renewable energy is guaranteed in particular by the directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources. In order to ensure that energy from renewable sources is sold to a customer only once, double counting must be avoided. In such a situation, however, a problem arises if countries that produce large amounts of green electricity sell guarantee-of-origin certificates to suppliers from other Member States but then also sell the same electricity to their local consumers as local electricity.

The current proposal for replacing this directive already includes a number of necessary alterations to the guarantee-of-origin system, such as the requirement for Member States to establish monitoring agencies, provisions concerning guarantees of origin from third countries and stronger transparency requirements, with due regard for the subsidiarity principle.

Full disclosure to customers could help to prevent double counting. How will the Commission monitor compliance with the transparency standards that have been imposed?