

**Question for written answer P-008825/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Commission request for a Court of Justice opinion on competence to sign and ratify the EU-Singapore free trade agreement

On 30 October 2014 the College of Commissioners, in its previous composition, decided to request the opinion of the Court of Justice concerning competence to sign and ratify free trade agreements (FTAs), with particular reference to the recently finalised FTA between the EU and Singapore.

1. Does the new Commission fully endorse this decision?
2. What is the timeline for the Court of Justice proceeding with its opinion?
3. Has the Commission taken into consideration the delay that the challenge before the Court of Justice may cause to the ratification process for the EU-Singapore FTA, and how can that delay be minimised?