

**Question for written answer P-001266/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Reciprocal undertaking to provide information

The Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement is to include arrangements for regulatory cooperation. The idea is that not only will existing barriers to trade be removed – through the harmonisation, or mutual acceptance of the equivalence, of the partners' respective standards – but also that the introduction of new rules or standards likely to impede trade will actually be prevented. The Commission plans an early warning system for new laws and standards, whereby the two sides will exchange lists of proposed new regulations, with a timetable for their introduction, at least once a year. Meantime, within the Member States, various rules and practices apply with regard to when and how the public is informed about proposed legislation. Can the Commission ensure that the TTIP agreement will not require the Member States to notify the USA about new regulations before they inform the public in their own countries?