

**Question for written answer P-005527/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Tobacco Products Directive (TPD) - packaging specifications follow-up

My original question submitted on 19 December 2014 (E-011090-14) related specifically to the timing of the implementing acts for labelling under the Tobacco Products Directive and how the packaging manufacturing industry could comply with the regulation in less than half of the required preparation time.

The question states that the industry requires 18 months to comply with the new regulation, but if subsequent secondary legislation is not ready, what steps can the Commission take to help industry with compliance and to improve regulatory clarity?

Would the Commission use the precedent regarding timings under Regulation No 1227/2011 on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency to grant an extension and grace period in order to help industry to comply with the new regulation?