

**Question for written answer P-012256/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Long-term energy supply contracts

From a free and efficient competition standpoint, the conclusion of long-term energy supply contracts (LTCs) between suppliers and large industrial customers can pose legal challenges. The handful of Commission inquiries over the years into the use of LTCs by market players to gain unlawful advantages in Poland, Hungary, France and Belgium are testament to that.

In this context, can the Commission please clarify under what specific circumstances LTCs would be in danger of breaking EU competition rules?

Also, to what extent does the Commission facilitate the conclusion of such contracts in order to reconcile their seeming legal ambiguity with the benefits they bring to, for instance, energy-intensive industries that need large quantities of baseload electricity or gas?