

**Question for written answer P-003170/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation on State aid and its extension to ports

The current revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation on State aid is intended, in part, to extend its provisions to public aid to investment in European ports.

This review follows on from the adoption, on 15 February 2017, of Regulation 2017/352 establishing a framework for the provision of port services and common rules on the financial transparency of ports.

With this in mind, could the Commission clarify how it intends to implement recital 45 of Regulation 2017/352, in particular the taking into consideration of the non-economic nature of certain infrastructure, including the access and defence infrastructure, provided that they are available to all potential users on equal and non-discriminatory terms?

Furthermore, how does the Commission intend to ensure an equitable definition of the single investment project, taking into consideration the form, purpose and varying methods of operation of different ports?