

**Question for written answer E-011279/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Public consultation on the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC

The Commission is currently conducting a public consultation on possible revision of the European Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC, which solely contains questions in English. A preparatory 11-page text, also in English, 'Public Consultation Document, DG SANCO 2010', has been published.

Given that the aim of public consultations is to enable all EU citizens, economic stakeholders, non-governmental organisations and authorities to voice their opinion on the proposals for a new directive, should the text not also be translated into the three working languages or all official languages of the European Union?

In this connection, is there a uniform regulation applicable to all directorates-general on the procedure to be adopted in public consultations as regards the translation of questionnaires into the working languages and/or the official languages of the EU? If not, is a uniform regulation being sought to be introduced?