

**Question for written answer E-005055/2011
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Quality and content variations in products being marketed in different EU Member States

Bulgarian citizens are seriously perturbed by recent media reports in Bulgaria of variations in the production profile and content of products being marketed in the old and the new EU Member States, the quality of the same products being lower in the latter. According to the reports, the content of products – including those of famous brands – differs according to the country in which they go on sale.

1. Has the Commission any record of warnings to the effect that the same products marketed in different Member States display quality variations in their composition?
2. Does the Commission have mechanisms for checking that the composition of specific products is identical in the various Member States where they are marketed, and can it impose penalties for proven infringement of the rules in this regard?