

**Question for written answer E-009941/2012
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Schengen acquis

The Schengen *acquis* as it stood on 1 May 1999, when it was integrated into the EU's legal framework on the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam, was set out in a booklet bearing that date, prepared by the General Secretariat of the Council; the booklet presented the Schengen *acquis* in chronological order and by topic.

The Schengen *acquis* was subsequently published in the Official Journal, in all language versions (OJ L 239, 22.9.2000).

Over the intervening 12 years the Schengen *acquis* has been subject to continuous changes, and two new Treaties, the Treaty of Nice and the Treaty of Lisbon, have entered into force.

It is very important to be able to follow the current Schengen *acquis* and to know exactly what applies to each of the countries belonging to the Schengen area.

1. Could the Commission say whether there is a recent official update compiling the current Schengen *acquis*?
2. If not, could the Commission explain why there is no such update and indicate which EU institution has the necessary competence to produce one?