

**Question for written answer E-001264/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject:      Labelling to indicate the origin of material used in footwear and the place where the  
                  footwear was manufactured

Directive 94/11/EC on the labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer, as amended by Directive 2006/96/EC, only requires manufacturers to provide information on the material which constitutes at least 80 % of the surface area of the upper and the lining, and at least 80 % of the volume of the outersole.

In order to improve the existing legislation and achieve better implementation, does the Commission not agree that labelling should contain additional information indicating the origin of the material used in footwear and the place/s where the footwear was manufactured? Additional labelling would help achieve the double objective of, firstly, ensuring that consumers have access to better information about the footwear they are buying and, secondly, improving transparency in the industry.