

**Question for written answer E-001377/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Bottling of grappa

Italy has issued a decree to the effect that, in future, grappa must be filled into bottles in Italy. Up to now, Italy has exported grappa in tanks and barrels to countries such as Germany, where the spirit is made ready for consumption and marketed by specialised firms. Mandatory bottling in Italy would also have significant ecological consequences, because the increased weight of bottles would result in higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transport.

1. What stage has been reached in the legal checks being carried out by the Commission?
2. Does the Commission consider the decree to be proportional?
3. What reasons has Italy given for its action?