

**Question for written answer E-006056/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Rules regarding gifts from companies in the pharmaceutical and medical devices sectors

Concerns have been raised about the differences in rules regarding what healthcare practitioners may receive (in the form of gifts, lunches, invitations, etc.) from companies providing pharmaceuticals, medical devices and so on.

In this regard, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What rules, if any, exist at EU level regarding the types of gifts, invitations, etc. which healthcare practitioners may receive from companies supplying pharmaceuticals and medical devices?
2. Are there differences in the rules regarding what may be received from companies supplying pharmaceuticals and companies supplying medical devices? If so, what are they?
3. Which Member States have rules on this issue and which do not?
4. What are the rules in each of the Member States?
5. Is the Commission planning to address this issue?