

**Question for written answer E-008681/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Axel Voss (PPE)**

Subject: Warning labels on children's duvets (Decision 2010/376/EU)

On 2 July 2010 the Commission adopted a decision (2010/376/EU) 'on the safety requirements to be met by European standards for certain products in the sleep environment of children pursuant to Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council'.

Under this decision, small duvets for children have to be labelled with a safety warning in all EU languages, to draw carers' attention to the fact that covering a child with too thick a duvet may lead to overheating (hyperthermia).

Can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. What does the Commission estimate is the cost to industry in terms of money and red tape of implementing Decision 2010/376/EU?
2. Does the Commission not consider the fact that too thick a duvet can lead to overheating to be a matter of general knowledge of which EU citizens are already sufficiently aware? Have there been any studies to show that such warning labels are really necessary?
3. Does the Commission consider that it would be possible to distribute such warnings on accompanying leaflets or by some other means of communication rather than on the blankets themselves? If not, why not?