

**Question for written answer E-014150/2013  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Use of hazardous substances

At the moment, the UK seems to be the only Member State that has enacted and enforced the rules on the maximum lead levels as per the 'Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances' (RoHS and the RoHS 2) Directive.

Can the Commission confirm this? What action, if any, is being taken to ensure timely compliance by Member States of these restrictions?

Is any compensation available for industries which are complying with the restrictions under national law and which have therefore suffered costs that industries in other Member States have avoided through non-compliance?