

**Question for written answer E-003703/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Ban on excessively risky activities by banks

The Commission has published proposals for new rules that would prohibit Europe's largest banks from engaging in excessively risky activities. The ban would affect proprietary trading in financial instruments and commodities, among other things. According to the Commission, this type of activity entails many risks but no benefits for banks' customers or the wider economy. The new rules would empower supervisory bodies to order banks to separate certain potentially risky activities from their deposit-taking business.

1. Is the list presented by the Commission with the names of thirty banks which will be affected by the new rules closed or will it still be subject to modifications?
2. How definite is the anticipated mid-2015 timeframe for the entry into force of the new rules?