Question for written answer E-005209/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Zigmantas Balčytis (S&D)

Subject: Standardisation of glass containers in the EU

Some Member States, for example, Lithuania, face the issue of container deposit. The market offers a lot of products in different glass containers, but only a small part of them could be purchased later. Standardisation of glass containers at EU-level would significantly increase their purchasing, reduce pollution and bring economic benefits.

Can the Commission say whether it intends to take any action in the field of standardization of glass containers? How is this issue currently regulated at EU-level?