

**Question for written answer E-007123/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Export of wine to the Czech Republic

The Vereinten Winzer [Associated Winemakers] Blaufränkischland in Horitschon (Burgenland, Austria; <http://www.vereinte-winzer.at/home/>) have the opportunity to export a large quantity of wine (for which the purchase agreement has already been signed) to the Czech Republic. However, this can only go ahead if the name 'Frankovka' is used instead of 'Blaufränkisch', for which it is a synonym.

This required a directive from the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture. The directive has been adopted and was published in the Bundesgesetzblatt (Federal Law Gazette) on 29 July 2014.

It was presented to the Czech wine inspectors, who were asked if the wine could now be exported as Frankovka. However, they insist that the Commission inform all the Member States – each in its own language – of this by means of a regulation.

Financially this is a very important deal for the Vereinten Winzer Blaufränkischland in Horitschon, with negotiations over subsequent such deals already under way. The Commission regulation on the language arrangements is therefore urgent and indispensable.

1. Does the Commission intend to pass such a regulation? What stage has the Commission reached in the procedure?
2. How can this kind of barrier to competition be prevented? What action does the Commission plan to take in this regard?
3. Is the Commission aware of similar cases? If so, in which Member States did they occur?