

**Question for written answer E-011816/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cider duty

Regarding the proposed duty on small-scale producers of cider, we are aware that a consultation document has been drawn up. Regarding this document we have the following questions:

1. How do we find the consultation document on the EU directive on cider duty, and who has produced it?
2. How does the Commission intend to proceed with the findings of the consultation document, and what are the proposed time scales?

Following the UK Government's commitment, outlined in the recent budget, not to apply the duty to small-scale producers of cider:

3. How will the Commission respond to the UK Government's commitment to retain an exemption for small cider producers, and which other countries have had issues with applying locally produced drinks under the directive?