

**Question for written answer E-005464/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Commission initiative on tackling territorial supply constraints

Restrictions on the cross-border supply of goods by companies seriously harm the functioning of the single market to the detriment of consumers, as retailers are not always free to source their goods at best prices across Europe. This practice is especially harmful for smaller Member States such as Luxembourg, whose companies are often forced to purchase goods via intermediaries in Belgium.

In 2013, the Commission promised to 'explore this topic further in 2014, by consulting stakeholders on alleged territorial supply constraints, with a view to deciding on possible next steps'.

In view of this, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. What were the results of these stakeholder consultations, and what conclusions has the Commission drawn regarding territorial supply constraints in the single market?
2. Are there other studies or consultations planned or currently being carried out on this topic?
3. What actions does the Commission intend to take in order to tackle territorial supply constraints?