

**Question for written answer E-008578/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013

In 2014, Poland notified the Commission that direct payments to farmers would be subject to a 100% reduction in the part of the amount exceeding EUR 150 000, with no possibility to deduct labour costs from the amount to which the reduction applies, even though such a possibility is granted under European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013.

In response to representations from the Polish Ombudsman, Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Krzysztof Jurgiel approached the Commission with a proposal to make it possible in Poland for labour costs to be deducted with regard to the aforementioned reduction.

Information received from interested parties suggests that the Commissioner has not yet accepted this proposal, even though it is in line with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013.

In the light of the above, could the Commission provide information on how it is dealing with Poland's proposal on this matter?