

**Question for written answer E-003333/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Michael Cramer (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Infringement proceedings against Germany in relation to the implementation of Directive 2006/40/EC

On 10 December 2015, the Commission announced that it intended to bring an action against Germany before the European Court of Justice for failure to correctly apply Directive 2006/40/EC. Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does the Commission intend to seek a ruling against Germany on the grounds that, after 2013, Mercedes continued to supply vehicles which use the coolant 134a on the basis of type-approvals that are consistent with the directive but which the Commission regards as flawed?
2. Against this background, what view does the Commission take of the fact that Mercedes has, in the meantime, developed and now equips its vehicles as standard with an air-conditioning system which uses the coolant R744 (carbon dioxide), which is environmentally friendly and safe?
3. What view does the Commission take of the high concentrations of degradation products of the coolant 1234yf (and of 1234yf itself) that came to light when levels of greenhouse gases and degradation products were measured in the vicinity of alpine passes?