

**Question for written answer E-006217/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation of plastic bags directive

In April 2015, Directive 2015/720 on regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags was adopted, setting out a number of ambitious objectives for cutting marine and other forms of pollution by reducing the number of plastic bags in circulation.

The first target (50 % reduction in the number of plastic bags compared to 2010) is set for the end of 2019.

In view of this:

What is the Commission's assessment of the implementation of the directive by the Member States? Which of them are lagging behind or failing to implement the directive properly?

What reduction in the use of plastic carrier bags has been achieved compared to 2010 in the EU and which Member States are performing worst in this respect?