

**Question for written answer E-001214/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Copyright in the Digital Single Market

Article 13 of the draft Directive on copyright in the digital single market implies an obligation on the part of internet service providers to check content downloaded by users, including through the use of automatic filtering mechanisms. Such a requirement can be a burden for start-ups, and it undermines the openness of the internet, affecting the ability of consumers to freely share lawful content online and their freedom of expression.

Is the proposed legal solution compatible with freedom of expression and with the principle of proportionality?

Will the new rules not prevent the entry of a new and emerging business into the market? Have EU-wide impact assessments been carried out?

How will automatic filtering mechanisms affect consumer interests?