

**Question for written answer E-003128/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Brexit: product conformity assessment during the transition period

In Articles 39(2) and 42 of Title I ('Goods Placed on the Market') of Part Three ('Separation Provisions') of the draft withdrawal agreement, it is stated that Member State and UK conformity assessment bodies (CABs) must share information on activities carried out 'before the end of the transition period' in their capacity as notified bodies under Union law.

However, Article 123(6) states that, for the acts listed in Indicative Annex y+6, the UK cannot act as a 'leading authority'.

Furthermore, Article 40 states that the UK will, prior to entry into force, transfer to the competent authority of a Member State files relating to ongoing procedures for some of the acts listed in Annex y+6.

Article 40 has been expressly exempted from the provision under Article 168 stipulating that Part Three will apply as of the end of the transition period.

Can the Commission confirm which UK CABs will be able to continue certifying products for sale on the EU market during the transition period?

Can the Commission clarify its reasoning behind the Article 40 exemption and the criteria for listing in Annex y+6?

Given that there is a precedent in the EU's commercial policy (i.e. with Canada), can the Commission confirm whether it intends to pursue the mutual recognition of CABs in the future relationship with the UK?