

**Question for written answer E-000200/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Review of Directive 2006/123/EC

The Commission is planning to reform Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market by introducing a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, which will also apply to local regulations. The reform seeks to further expand completion of the internal market by extending the 'competition' principles to all levels of the state. However, there is a formidable legal and constitutional problem with this proposal: it will impede the exercise of legislative power by restricting Member States' capacity to act. In effect, the Commission's ex ante oversight over all draft legislation will seriously undermine the separation of powers principle. What is more, the three-month time limit will give lobby groups time to ensure that a text that is not in their interests does not come to fruition.

Does the Commission consider this proposal to be contrary to the principle of separation of powers?