

Question for written answer E-000240/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Managing unsold consumables - the circular economy

Waste – whether of food or other items – is a massive scourge on our society. It needs to be addressed if we are to bring about more sensible development and ensure a better future. At the beginning of 2019, attention was drawn to the ways in which retail giant Amazon manages its stocks of unsold products. When a product is not sold, Amazon can choose to send it back to the supplier, or destroy it. We understand that millions of unsold products are being destroyed every year. This method is deplorable at a time when the EU is developing a circular economy.

Given that we need to be increasingly vigilant in order to conserve natural resources and combat climate change, what precautions is the Commission intending to take with a view to putting a stop to these practices and promoting the circular economy?