

**Question for written answer E-000824/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Compulsory till receipts and digitalisation

In December 2016, the German Bundesrat adopted a law on protection against the manipulation of digital primary accounting records, which provides for the compulsory issuing of receipts in, for example, bakeries, and which has now entered into force despite criticism from trade research institutes and other representations. Hardly anyone takes these receipts with them, and as a consequence they are thrown away within seconds.

There are very few exemptions to this obligation under Paragraph 146a(2) of the above-mentioned law.

1. Does the Commission think that the compulsory issuing of receipts is appropriate as 'protection against the manipulation of digital primary accounting records'?
2. Are till systems in which receipts are not automatically printed and given to the customer, as can be found in the cafeteria on level 0 of the European Parliament in Brussels and where this notice is displayed: 'In order to reduce waste, receipts are printed only at the request of the customer', more vulnerable to manipulation?
3. What is the Commission's assessment of the large number of till receipts not required by customers and thrown away immediately, as a result of the above-mentioned law, from the point of view of sustainability and the Green Deal?

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