

**Question for written answer E-001747/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Effort required to open drinks bottles sealed with plastic screw-caps

Single-use and reusable plastic and glass drinks bottles are often sealed with plastic screw-caps. In order to meet the requirements for safe transport and to ensure that the drinks concerned are safe to consume from a hygiene point of view, a considerable amount of effort is often required to open bottles sealed with plastic screw-caps. This can be a challenge, especially for older people.

1. Has the amount of effort required to unscrew a plastic screw-cap been standardised? If so, in which specific piece of legislation is it standardised?
2. If there is no standard, what steps does the Commission think will be required for one to be introduced, and within what time frame?