

**Question for written answer E-000751/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Certification of USB-C accessories and EU legislation on the common charger

There have been media reports that Apple is planning to certify USB-C accessories for the latest iPhone 15. The installation of an MFi chip will mean that although, in theory, a device can be charged with any cable, only cables from Apple and certified partners will ensure maximum efficiency. Charging the device and sending data will be significantly slower for users of accessories from other manufacturers.

The main aims of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2014/53/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment, which establishes the USB Type C as the common charging port for all small electronic devices from 2024, was to increase convenience, limit costs for users and protect the environment. The certification of charging accessories could reduce the effectiveness of these provisions in all these areas.

Is the Commission aware that electronics manufacturers are taking such steps, and does it consider this practice to be compatible with the principles of amended Directive 2014/53/EU?

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