

**Question for written answer E-003354/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Amazon's unfair practices and the impact on EU consumers

The Wall Street Journal revealed on 3 October that Amazon had used a secret algorithm named 'Project Nessie' to raise prices and that the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) had filed a lawsuit that had been heavily redacted<sup>1</sup>. This issue is not only of particular importance for its competition policy, but also in the general social context of a cost-of-living crisis for the many, notably the workers of Amazon and its subcontractors, and extreme wealth for the few, such as Jeff Bezos.

1. Does the Commission know to what extent EU citizens and consumers are impacted? Will the Commission conduct further investigations?
2. Has this issue been addressed through the various thematic collaboration frameworks that exist between the EU and the US, and, if so, what was the outcome?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wsj.com/business/retail/amazon-used-secret-project-nessie-algorithm-to-raise-prices-6c593706>.