

**Question for written answer P-008843/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Toine Manders (ALDE)

Subject: Tackling food wastage

The Commission has calculated that 180 kg of food per person per annum is wasted in the European Union, and has expressed the ambition to halve this wastage by 2020. Of this 180 kg, more than 40% is thrown away by consumers. One of the reasons is that many consumers cannot distinguish between different perishability indications on the labelling (e.g. 'best before' and 'use by' dates) and tend to take each date on the packaging too literally.

1. Will the Commission review perishability labelling and arrange for a single unambiguous perishability label on a limited number of products which genuinely require a date to be indicated?
2. What other practical measures will the Commission take in the field of superfluous regulation in order to attain its objective of halving food wastage by 2020?