

**Question for written answer P-003670/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Sergio Berlato (PPE)

Subject: Further information on the definition of palm stearin in the context of Directives 2009/28/EC and 2008/98/EC

In the Commission's answer of 3 December 2013 to Written Question E-011487/2013, tabled on 8 October 2013, Günther Oettinger states that 'in the view of the Commission palm stearin fulfils the definition of biomass used in the Renewable Energy Directive (Directive 2009/28/EC) as it is an agricultural product which is both biodegradable and from biological origin. Palm stearin is a solid and is warmed up to allow for easier transport and further processing into downstream products. In so far as palm stearin is not the primary aim of its production process and it fulfils the conditions set out in Article 5(1)(a) to (d) of Directive 2008/98/EC, it is a by-product'.

Can the Commission confirm that, in the context of Directive 2009/28/EC and national implementing rules on electricity generation, palm stearin (NC 15119019) must be regarded as solid biomass, and not as a bioliquid, even if it is used in liquid form?