

**Question for written answer P-004140/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Discrimination against producers of alcohol tests on the French market

European producers of single use alcohol testing kits, especially those based in the Czech Republic, have encountered problems on the internal market when attempting to export their goods to France. On 28 February 2012, France adopted a law (2012 284) prohibiting the use of alcohol tests certified in other Member States. It has thus failed to observe the principle of mutual recognition of products lawfully manufactured and marketed in other Member States. The law stipulated that drivers should keep only testing kits that had been approved in accordance with French standards in their vehicles. Similarly, when carrying out breath tests on drivers, the French police were obliged to use only equipment which had been approved in the same way.

In its reasoned opinion of 23 January 2014 (case 2012/4188), the Commission came to the conclusion that these measures hindered the free movement of goods within the EU and called on France to adopt remedial measures. The Commission stated that if France failed to inform it that it had taken remedial measures within two months, it would consider referring the case to the Court of Justice.

Can the Commission say what measures France has taken and when it took them?

What further steps does the Commission intend to take in this matter?