

**Question for written answer P-000087/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Dock labour

On 28 March 2014, Belgium was notified that its dock labour rules infringed European law and was given until 23 October 2015 to amend the relevant legislation, the 'Wet Major'. To this end, negotiations were commenced with employer and labour representatives. However, the law has still not been updated and Belgium has not yet submitted any proposed dock labour reforms to the Commission.

The heavily regulated organisation of dock labour in Belgium is driving a number of undertakings abroad and acting as a deterrent to incoming dockland e-commerce and logistics enterprises. In addition employers are still required to use recognised pool workers for dockland logistics activities.

Why has Belgium been allowed an extended deadline for compliance?

What projected reforms were required by the Commission?

What action is being taken by the Commission regarding discrimination between pool and non-pool logistics workers?