

**Question for written answer P-000589/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Introduction of a European track and trace system for tobacco products

On 15 December 2017, the Commission adopted an implementing act introducing an EU-wide track and trace system for tobacco products. The system is also intended to cover products manufactured for markets outside the EU.

- 1) Is the inclusion of goods for export within the scope of the track and trace system compatible with EU legislation, and how does the Commission therefore view the fact that, in principle, it lacks the power to regulate product specifications for markets outside the European internal market?
- 2) How does the Commission intend to get around the resulting de facto export ban in third countries such as Australia that, owing to strict packaging and labelling regulations, will not allow track and trace coding?
- 3) What specific measures will the Commission take to prevent this de facto ban?