

**Question for written answer P-004651/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 543/2008

In his answer to Written Question No E-003164-18, Commissioner Hogan says that information on the relevant external evaluation is publicly available and that 'thorough public consultation is foreseen so that interested stakeholders and citizens can voice their opinions and concerns'.

The evaluation's roadmap sets the completion date as the final quarter of 2018, but in his answer to Written Question No E-003362/2018 Mr Hogan says that 'the procurement procedure regarding the award of the contract to carry out the Evaluation of marketing standards is still ongoing'.

Consequently, the planned timeline is unachievable, and the broadness of the evaluation makes it impossible for the current MEPs to have any say on its outcomes. It also seems increasingly unlikely that the current Commissioners will see the end of the evaluation or have enough time to formulate proposals on countless aspects of marketing standards. It was not by chance that the completion date was set for the end of 2018.

Waiting for the end of the evaluation equates to refusing to take action even where there is an obvious need.

- Could the Commission explain to EU citizens why, despite four years of countless appeals, it refuses to propose even the simple and cost-free measure of deleting the requirement of minimum liver weights in Commission Regulation (EC) No 543/2008?