

**Priority question for written answer P-002839/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Quality requirements for bioethanol

Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources requires Member States to have a minimum renewables share in their energy mix and transport sector by 2030. Member States may achieve that goal for the transport sector by taking various approaches. One approach is to use biofuels, such as bioethanol for blending with petrol. Bioethanol can be blended in two ways: in pure form (also referred to as undenatured ethanol, CN code 2207 10) or in denatured form (CN code 2207 20). Many Member States have laid down in national legislation that only pure ethanol may be blended with petrol.

Can the Commission confirm that Member States are free to lay down that only pure ethanol may be blended with petrol, provided that it complies with the quality requirements under Directive 2009/30/EC with regard to fuel quality? If that is not the case, can the Commission say what restrictions apply in this instance?