

**Question for written answer E-015065/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Merger - SABMiller and AB InBev

Last month, the companies SABMiller (based in the UK) and AB InBev (based in Belgium) stated their intention to merge and create a company that will produce one third of the world's beer. If this merger goes ahead it will be the third largest corporate deal in history at GBP 70 billion (EUR 100 billion).

Since the two companies are based in the EU the merger will be covered by EU regulations.

Beyond competition concerns, researchers from Edinburgh University have raised a number of potential health concerns relating to this deal¹. In particular, they are worried about its impact on the EU's neighbours in Africa.

In view of the above, can the Commission confirm:

1. whether it has started investigating this merger from a competition perspective;
2. whether it intends to consider the health concerns that could arise as a result of the merger?

¹ British Medical Journal BMJ 2015; 351:h6087.