

**Question for written answer E-015541/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Food waste and redistribution of unsold food by large-scale retailers

According to data provided by the FAO, over a third of all food produced each year worldwide is lost or wasted along the food chain.

In the more developed countries, it is the final consumers and large-scale retailers who are responsible for over 40% of wasted food.

The Commission's strategy to support the transition from a linear to a circular economy must take into account the issue of food waste and deal with it as a challenge of primary importance.

Given the above, and considering that it is the duty of the EU institutions to reduce economic and social inequalities and achieve sustainable development goals, will the Commission promote the redistribution of unsold food by large-scale retailers to those who really need it, laying down some rules on this matter?