

**Question for written answer E-014581/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: VAT rates on artwork

The current rate of VAT on artwork imported into the UK from outside the EU and created before 1 April 1973 is 5 %, which is the minimum allowable rate for such artwork imported by any EU Member State from outside the EU.

In the context of TTIP (the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership), does the Commission plan to eliminate VAT on artwork imported from the United States? Has the Commission made this request?