

**Question for written answer E-015349/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Regulatory and commercial uncertainty

Written question E-010370-14 drew the Commission's attention to problems faced by European industry during the transposition of EU directives, in particular the considerable regulatory and commercial uncertainty companies can undergo while waiting for the EU and the Member States to adopt necessary implementing measures.

The Tobacco Products Directive (2014/40/EU) is one example where industry continues to face compliance difficulties owing to tight deadlines. The Member States are obliged by the Directive to notify their transposition measures to the Commission by 20 May 2016, which is the same date by which the industry has to also comply.

So far, only the Hungarian and the Finnish draft transposition measures have been communicated to the Commission.

Taking into account Directive (EU) 2015/1535, which obliges the Member States to immediately communicate draft technical regulations to the Commission, except where it merely transposes the full text of an international or European standard, can the Commission confirm that all other Member States' drafts are merely transposing the full text of the Tobacco Products Directive?