

**Question for written answer E-001922/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: French decision to implement the Triman mark

The French Government is pressing ahead with the implementation of the Triman mark, following the agreement reached at the 2007 'Grenelle for the environment', despite protests from numerous industrial stakeholders. The logo will apply to all consumer goods covered by an extended producer responsibility recovery scheme in France (including packaging but excluding glass), and will necessitate either separate production for France or the use of the logo on all products destined for the European market. Given the differences between waste management practices in other Member States, particularly those adjacent to France, the instructions could be misleading to consumers or even not apply at all. Finally, there has been no comprehensive impact assessment conducted by the French authorities or by the Commission, despite the cross-border effect of these measures.

1. Does the Commission view the Triman mark as an obstacle to the free movement of goods within the European Union and/or Member State obligations under WTO trade agreements?
2. Is the Commission planning to take any action with regard to this measure?
3. Does the Commission consider the proposed derogation for glass packaging materials discriminatory to other sectors?