

**Question for written answer E-001730/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The phase out of tungsten bulbs

We have been contacted by constituents who are concerned over the future of tungsten bulbs, in relation to Regulation (EU) No 1194/2012. They are concerned that these bulbs could be banned, and about the effect this would have on theatres.

Tungsten bulbs are long lasting, provide a unique light and are essential for many of the lighting effects used in theatre production. The loss of this type of bulb would not only negatively affect the experience of theatregoers, but also entail unnecessary costs for theatres if it were necessary to replace them, in some cases forcing theatres to shut down.

We ask the Commission to confirm that directional tungsten halogen lamps remain beyond the scope of any future phase out.

Additionally, we ask the Commission to clarify whether tungsten bulbs benefit from the safeguards available to studio lighting, show effect lighting and theatre lighting. Finally, on what grounds would they not benefit from these safeguards?