

**Question for written answer E-000179/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Exchanges of messages

The Commission suspects fragrance giant International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. of price fixing. Because one of its employees deleted exchanges of messages, the company must now pay an eight-figure fine.

1. Does the Commission forbid its staff, President and Commissioners from deleting potentially relevant WhatsApp and text messages?
2. If the Commission does have such a rule, when was it introduced?
3. If the Commission does not have such a rule, why not?

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