

**Priority question for written answer P-000835/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: The Digital Markets Act should enhance the contestability and fairness of digital markets

Article 6(5) of the Digital Markets Act¹ (DMA) pertains to the ranking of search results by search engines and Google has been implementing changes in this regard since January 2024. However, the modifications it has made have resulted in a considerable decrease in web traffic and clicks for websites of direct suppliers such as hotels, restaurants, and retailers. Instead, a select few aggregators, some of which are also gatekeepers, are set to disproportionately benefit from these changes.

Would the Commission:

1. Confirm whether product changes that adversely affect multiple non-digital economic sectors should not be prohibited as a result of the application of the DMA?
2. Confirm that the DMA should also consider the interests of 'traditional' economic sectors, such as the hotel industry, which is primarily composed of SMEs?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/1925 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2022 on contestable and fair markets in the digital sector, OJ L 265, 12.10.2022, p. 1.