

**Question for written answer E-010983/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Infringement of intellectual property regulations by various Asian countries

Innovation is crucial in maintaining our level of prosperity and being able to respond to the numerous challenges that we face. However, businesses in Europe all too often report that their products are being reproduced abroad and their intellectual property rights are being violated. Yet small and medium-sized enterprises, which make up most of the economic fabric of Europe, have neither the time nor the means required to initiate legal proceedings abroad to ensure their rights are respected.

What specific actions does the Commission intend to take to resolve this situation?