

**Question for written answer E-003589/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The absence of indications of the country of origin of products imported from third countries

The indication of the country of origin would enable not only the more effective combating of social and environmental dumping, but also the guaranteed provision of transparent information to consumers, which would allow them to make fully informed decisions when purchasing a product. When our fellow nationals become aware of the effects of their own consumption on jobs and on the environment, a more accurate traceability of consumer goods is likely to incentivise the consumption of 'local' products and would revive the activity of our businesses. Finally, it is worth remembering that quality information is the basis of the freedom of citizens and of consumer protection, which should be guaranteed by Articles 4, 12 and 169 of TFEU.

If the proposal for a regulation is rejected by the Council, should the Commission not let the Member States decide on their own whether or not to impose stricter legislation concerning consumer protection, in the sense of a better indication of products originating from third countries, pursuant to Articles 4 and 169(4) of TFEU?