

**Question for written answer E-005315/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Compliance with European legislation on controls and penalties relating to fishing vessels

The Common Fisheries Policy makes it clear that fishing and aquaculture activities must be environmentally sustainable in the long term, must be managed in a way that is consistent with the objectives of generating economic, social and employment benefits, and must contribute to the availability of food supplies.

To that end, Community legislation was introduced concerning the system of penalties for infringements made by vessels in the EU.

Does the Commission think that this legislation is being complied with equally in all Member States?

If this is not the case, what measures will it take to ensure there is a uniform system of controls and penalties across all Member States, so as to avoid disadvantaging those which do comply, such as Spain?