

**Question for written answer E-005742/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Illegal logging and lack of enforcement of the EU Timber Regulation

On 3 March 2013, the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) No 995/2010¹ came into force. Member States are now responsible for ensuring that companies which import timber comply with the requirements of this Regulation, with a view to putting a stop to the supply of illegally harvested timber on the internal market. Article 20 of the Regulation stipulates that 2015 is the first year in which the Commission is required to thoroughly review this Regulation.

1. What action will the Commission take if it emerges from the reports that a Member State is failing to (sufficiently) comply with the obligations under the Regulation?
2. Question E-008504/2014², among others, reveals that many other countries are still failing to comply with the Regulation. Which countries does this relate to?
3. In its answer to question E-008504/2014³, the Commission promised to step up efforts to ensure the Regulation is fully implemented and applied by the Member States. What specific efforts has the Commission made since then?

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32010R0995&from=EN>

² <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fTEXT%2bWQ%2bE-2014-008504%2b0%2bDOC%2bXML%2bV0%2f%2fEN&language=EN>

³ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2014-008504&language=EN>