

**Question for written answer E-005759/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Isabelle Thomas (S&D)**

Subject: Monitoring the implementation of the EU Timber Regulation

The EU Timber Regulation, which has been in force since 3 March 2013, introduced the concept of 'due diligence' for traders, who are required to guarantee the traceability of timber products which they import and place on the European market.

The regulation also stipulates that Member States are responsible for establishing and implementing a system for monitoring traders and imposing penalties for non-compliance with the due diligence rules.

The Commission has pointed out, however, that a number of Member States have breached the regulation by failing to establish monitoring mechanisms.

The breaches have serious implications for the environment and for intra-Community competition.

How does the Commission, which has not yet intervened, intend to remedy this state of affairs and force all the Member States to apply the regulation?

Does the Commission intend to refer the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Union?