

Question for written answer E-006535/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Veto of fishing sector imports from Thailand

Yesterday, the Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella, announced his decision to show a “yellow card” to Thailand, which would join the list of countries involved in illegal, undeclared or unregulated (IUU) fishing, due to his belief that the country has not introduced sufficient measures to combat this issue. Thailand now has six months to adopt the appropriate measures.

Does the Commission feel that this measure might affect the supply of tuna for the canning industry? Is this consistent with the quota of 22 000 tonnes of tuna loin that can be imported with zero duty from other countries, including Thailand? Does the Commission feel that the European tuna-fishing fleet has sufficient capacity to provide raw materials for the European canning industry?