

**Question for written answer E-007001/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Exportation to the EU of bioethanol produced by environmentally destructive methods

Many green organisations and European Union undertakings which produce biofuels are constantly drawing the attention of EU decision-makers to the fact that, in the third countries which export the most bioethanol to the EU, rainforests are being felled and local farmers are being expelled from their farmland so that enormous monoculture plantations of maize, rape and palm can be created.

If we allow them to maintain and perhaps increase their exports of bioethanol to the EU, we will be encouraging them to continue and increase the seriously environmentally destructive operations which are going on within their territory. This is the EU's responsibility. Our efforts to promote sustainable agricultural production and to combat direct and indirect changes of land use will achieve nothing if we allow imports into the EU internal market of bioethanol which has been produced by environmentally destructive methods.

1. How will the Commission screen out imports of bioethanol which has been produced by environmentally destructive methods?
2. Does the Commission support the idea of identifying sustainably produced bioethanol by means of a distinguishing marking?
3. What steps will the Commission take to reduce the quantity of bioethanol imported into the EU?