

Question for written answer E-008222/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Unfair commercial practices

Many companies in Poland and other Member States import food products, including frozen fish, from all over the world into the EU. In general, companies in the supply chain are honest and fair in their dealings with each other, but the parties involved agree that unfair commercial practices do exist. Unfair practices can deal a serious blow to businesses, and so efforts to curb them would do a world of good, in particular for the development of SMEs. Businesses which are on the receiving end of unfair practices may be forced to close or be prevented from making new investments or innovative new developments. For this reason, companies are becoming ever more fearful of falling victim to unfair commercial practices at the hands of their suppliers.

1. What tools does the Commission have at its disposal to protect the interests of EU businesses against dishonest producers?
2. When and under what circumstances can the Commission revoke a licence, issued to a non-EU company by a veterinary body, to export goods to the EU?