

**Question for written answer E-008262/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: European regulations on oil tankers

After accidents such as the one that occurred off the coast of Galicia in the well-known case of the *Prestige*, the European Union introduced the mandatory requirement for new-generation oil tankers to be built with what is known as a 'double hull' and for a second hull to be added to old tankers in order to avoid similar situations.

In addition, Regulation (EU) No 530/2012 banned single-hull tankers transporting heavy grade oil from mooring or sailing close to the European coastline.

Does the Commission know whether the 'double hull' regulations are being enforced at European shipyards?

Does the Commission intend to move forward with its transport policy and common environmental policy?