

**Question for written answer E-008502/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Recycling of European liners in South-East Asia

In 2013, the European Union adopted regulation (EU) No 1257/2013, which imposes strict rules on the recycling of European ships.

According to the NGO Shipbreaking Platform, a significant number of European ships are still being sent to be broken up in unauthorised sites in South-East Asia, in contravention of the relevant regulations. No fewer than 182 ships flying a European flag were sent to the region in 2014 to be broken up in conditions which are hazardous to the environment and to the health of workers.

1. Is the Commission aware of the situation?
2. What solutions does it foresee in order to ensure greater compliance with European legislation in this area?