

**Question for written answer E-010752/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Impact of maritime transport emissions on the health of EU citizens

According to a study by the University of Rostock and the Helmholtz Zentrum, a Munich-based environmental research institute, every year maritime transport emissions cause some 60 000 deaths and cost European health services EUR 58 billion.

The engines fitted to vessels emit large quantities of dangerous substances, such as heavy metals, sulphur and carcinogens of various kinds.

Researchers see an urgent need to make the filtering of exhaust emissions from cargo ships mandatory and to reduce the volume of particulates they emit.

1. Is the Commission aware of these worrying findings?
2. Does it intend to propose a directive making the filtering of exhaust emissions mandatory and imposing limits on the volume of particulates emitted by shipping?