

**Question for written answer E-011798/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU legislation in view of consumers' right to information on companies selling products and services that violate human rights

On 20 July 2014 in Thailand, the final preliminary hearing was held in a case involving charges of criminal defamation and computer crimes brought by the company Natural Fruit against Andy Hall, a researcher. Natural Fruit filed the charges following the publication of a report by the Finnish NGO Finnwatch entitled 'Cheap Has a High Price', which exposed serious human rights violations, including forced labour, at the Natural Fruit pineapple processing plant in Pranburi (Prachuap Kiri Khan province, Thailand) The reports' findings were based on interviews with workers at the plant.

In view of the above, what does the relevant EU legislation (e.g. the Community Customs Code, the Data Protection Regulation, etc) contain regarding consumers' right to and access to information enabling them to decide not to purchase products or services emanating from companies that violate human rights?