

**Question for written answer E-012835/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Some aspects of the impact on third countries of bioethanol produced in the EU

In its answer to my Written Question 998/2015, the Commission acknowledged that '[w]hile it is correct that most of the estimated ILUC [indirect land-use change] is found to take place outside of Europe, the driver of such land use change remains the increased consumption of biofuels in Europe'. However, in its answer to Written Question 7001/2015 it stated that ' [a]ccording to the Commission's Renewable Energy Progress report, about 79% of the bioethanol consumed in the EU market came from EU-produced feedstock, primarily wheat, maize, and sugar beet'. I therefore have the following questions for the Commission:

1. What data does the Commission possess to show that the bioethanol consumed in EU road transport – which constitutes only a very small proportion of the ethanol sold on the world market – is the main cause for land use changes in third countries?
2. Precisely what proportion of globally produced bioethanol does the bioethanol produced in the EU represent?
3. Precisely what proportion of bioethanol consumed in the EU does bioethanol imported into the EU represent?