

**Question for written answer E-013415/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: On the impact of EU use of bio-ethanol on third countries

With regard to the following:

- The Commission response to Parliamentary question E-0077001-15 of 10 July 2015, stating that ‘about 79% of the bioethanol consumed in the EU market came from EU produced feedstock.’
- The Commission response to Parliamentary question P-00998-2015 of 11 March 2015 insisting that ‘the driver of [...] land use change remains the increased consumption of biofuels in Europe.’

Could the Commission:

1. Indicate what evidence it has to justify the suggestion that EU bioethanol use in transport fuel is a major driver of ILUC in third countries?
2. Name the countries where EU bioethanol consumption can be shown to be a major ILUC driver?
3. Explain the suggestion that if the Commission has concerns about ILUC owing to ethanol consumption in transport fuel the logical policy approach would be to insist that only low ILUC ethanol be used in the EU fuel mix?