

**Question for written answer E-002215/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Tackling imports of counterfeit products into the EU

In 2014, counterfeit products with a value of EUR 627 m¹ were confiscated at the EU's external borders. In recent years, the rate of reduction of such imports has decelerated. These products are harmful to our dealers who conduct business honestly. Moreover, these products often do not comply with European standards. As a result, the safety of European consumers may be endangered.

1. How will the Commission help Member States to further reduce imports of counterfeit products?
2. Is the Commission planning to adopt more effective measures in the countries from which the products come?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose a successor to ACTA to tackle this problem more effectively in an international context?

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/customs_controls/counterfeit_piracy/statistics/index_en.htm