

**Question for written answer E-002395/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Free Trade Agreement with Vietnam

The EU Ombudsman criticised the Commission this month for failing to provide an audit of how its Free Trade Agreement with Vietnam would affect human rights before signing off on the deal.

According to new research from the NGO ActionAid, relatively profitable sectors, including motor vehicle and parts, electronics and machinery, will experience a decline. The jobs created in footwear and the leather sectors are likely to be badly paid.

Pressure from global brands to supply shoes and clothes cheap and fast might force Vietnamese factories to cut costs, pushing wages down and exposing Vietnam's workers to the kind of terrible working conditions responsible for the 2013 Rana Plaza disaster in Bangladesh.

Is the Commission considering the possibility of reviewing the deal and providing objective and comprehensive impact assessments on the Free Trade Agreement with Vietnam that would also take into consideration the need to protect workers?