

Question for written answer E-004188/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Effective import and export rules and procedures in the context of trade policy

The effectiveness of any trade policy measures depends largely on the EU's ability to ensure they are properly enforced. The same goes for trade defence measures and all kinds of tariff preferences that the EU grants to its various partners. A measure that is unenforceable or difficult to enforce from a customs standpoint is a measure that is ineffective from a trade standpoint, and can lead to serious distortions of competition and extensive economic, social and/or environmental damage. With that in mind:

1. What steps is the Commission currently taking to protect the EU market and ensure compliance on the part of producers from outside the EU with the rules on placing goods on the market within the EU?
2. Under the common customs policy, has the Commission taken or is it taking steps to introduce uniform rules on customs tariffs relating to individual products or goods placed on the market by producers from outside the EU?
3. Is the Commission monitoring the internal market with a focus on the marketing of products or goods from outside the EU that are in breach of the relevant legal requirements?