

Question for written answer E-005895/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Fraud in the mercury sector

In 2014, a report appeared in the German press on alleged fraud involving the sale of metallic mercury in Dorsten, and other places. The fraud reportedly involves the sale of metallic mercury that is initially to be placed in storage. In order to mask the amount stored, reports say that sand has been used to replace mercury that has been processed previously.

What information does the Commission have on this alleged fraud? Has this mercury been exported following the entry into force of the export ban introduced in March 2011? How many tons does the alleged fraud involve?