

**Question for written answer E-006619/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Sustainability of biofuels

The European Court of Auditors has declared, in a report published on 21 July 2016, that the system used by the Commission to certify the sustainability of biofuels is not reliable enough.

Firstly, the voluntary certification schemes recognised under the system are not required to verify whether biofuel production presents a serious risk of negative socio-economic effects ranging from forced or child labour and disputes over land ownership to the basic problems of poor working conditions for farmers and dangers to health and safety.

Secondly, there is no adequate verification procedure for ensuring that biofuels do indeed come from waste.

Moreover, the assessment and recognition procedure under the voluntary schemes is skewed by the fact that biofuel suppliers are not required to take account, in their emissions reduction calculations, of greenhouse emissions associated with indirect land-use change.

Does the Commission intend to overhaul the Renewable Energy Directive to address these issues?