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to the Commission**

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Subject: Ukraine wood export ban - the need for full DCFTA implementation

A wood export ban has been in place in Ukraine since November 2015. In July 2017, President Poroshenko promised to lift the ban within 3-4 months, but nothing has happened.

The obvious violation of the EU-Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) has been clearly established, as has the ban's incompatibility with WTO provisions – something the Commission itself has acknowledged.

The ban has had a severe impact on the European paper and woodworking industries, which need to access foreign wood markets to continue to develop and invest in Europe while promoting sustainable forest management. The EU's wood imports amounted to 2 million tonnes and more than EUR 120 million in 2015. Imports of wood fell by 33 % in 2016, and by 75 % in the first half of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016<sup>1</sup>.

1. Could the Commission provide an update on the latest developments and on the action that it is taking to tackle this violation of the agreement?
2. When does the Commission intend to ask Ukraine for a consultation within the framework of the DCFTA as part of the bilateral dispute settlement process?

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Eurostat