

**Question for written answer E-000952/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Management of asphalt waste in Cabanas

In its answer to my question for written answer E-000098/2016 on the coal tar detected in asphalt waste imported from the Netherlands to Galicia in 2009, the Commission states that Member States have an obligation to apply Directive 2008/98/EC effectively and completely so as to ensure that areas contaminated with asphalt waste are depolluted without recycling.

The legal proceedings conducted in Spain concluded with the importer being found guilty and ordered to remove some 135 000 tonnes of waste from a hillside in the municipality of Cabanas. The Galician Environmental Planning Agency (APLU), on the other hand, has approved the use of such waste for urban planning purposes, deeming it to be dry waste (and overlooking the fact that the Ferrol Estuary has been classified a sensitive area). Furthermore, no attempt has been made to remove the waste, despite the court order.

The investigating magistrates have confirmed that 800 000 tonnes of asphalt waste used in public and private works were imported through the port of Ferrol, and that no one has given notification of compliance with the Directive and depolluting of the contaminated areas.

- 1) Now that the legal proceedings in Spain are complete, will the Commission launch an investigation into the processing, transport between Member States, storage and use of toxic waste?
- 2) Will it now consider opening an enquiry into this potential infringement of EU rules on waste management ?