Question for written answer E-002503/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Roberta Metsola (PPE)

Subject: Enforcement of EU Timber Regulation

The EU Timber Regulation¹ aims to prevent illegal timber from entering the EU market and support international efforts to halt deforestation, protect the natural environment and fight climate change.

This regulation requires companies to check for and assess the risk of illegally harvested wood in their supply chains.

Can the Commission provide information on what actions national governments have taken to make the EU Timber Regulation as effective as possible?

Has it taken legal action against any Member State for failing to enforce this illegal logging legislation properly?

¹ Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market (OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 23).