

**Question for written answer E-001575/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Chemical waste in the Netherlands

According to videos circulating on the Internet, the Netherlands takes a lax attitude to the use of chemical waste, for instance to improve heavy oil. Obviously, this makes it a popular destination, it is alleged, for chemical waste imports.

- Is the Commission aware of these accusations?
- It is possible to produce cheap heavy oil in the way described without falling out of line with the EU's climate action, environmental protection, and health protection rules and goals?
- The EU has approved various measures to lessen the damaging consequences – for the natural environment as well as for people – of dumping waste. What specific steps is it taking to prevent such practices?