

**Question for written answer P-002181/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Shark fin trade

Despite a worldwide ban on the transportation of shark fins by major shipping carriers, a three-month investigation by Sea Shepherd Global has borne out reports that large shipments of shark fins are still arriving in Hong Kong on airlines and shipping lines that have made 'No Shark Fin' carriage ban commitments.

Sharks are in grave difficulty around the world, with the numbers of some populations plummeting by more than 90 %. Some species, such as the hammerhead shark, are facing a very real threat of extinction.

Will the Commission act in order to prevent products from CITES-listed endangered species being shipped unknowingly? Will it take steps to ensure that a worldwide ban on global shark fin carriage is implemented?

Will the Commission carry out a full, in-depth investigation into the global shark fin trade and its supply routes in order to provide a clearer picture for shipping companies and help them to implement their commitments to environmentally sustainable shipping policies?