

**Question for written answer E-007173/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Shipping of mercury to Switzerland

In its answer to question E-005895/2016, the Commission said that it was 'aware of the alleged fraudulent transactions' in breach of two EU regulations. According to the Commission, 'several hundred kilogrammes of mercury may have been shipped (...) to Switzerland, the Netherlands and Greece'.

Given Switzerland's particular situation with regard to its relations with the EU:

1. Can the Commission provide more details on this transport of mercury to Switzerland?
2. Is it a simple case of transport, or is it an illegal export under the terms of Regulation (EC) No 1102/2008?
3. If stabilisation capacity is theoretically available in the country of origin, why was the waste mercury shipped to Switzerland?