

**Question for written answer E-000896/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Control of shipment of non-hazardous waste

According to information provided by Lithuanian Ministry of Environment, some waste management companies declare waste treatment or export to other countries only 'on paper', i.e. without actually doing it.

In some cases, metal scrap, plastics and other waste is exported, but waste management companies unduly declare this as packaging waste. Because of such cheating, the achievement of targets for the recovery and recycling of packaging waste becomes inaccurate and companies avoid taxes that they should otherwise pay for supplying packages and/or taxed goods in the local market.

As far as we know, other EU Member States also face similar situations.

One of the ways to solve this problem would be to create a European information-sharing system that would allow environmental control authorities in the Member States to observe the real-time situation regarding the shipment of non-hazardous waste.

1. What actions are taken by the Commission in order to ensure the reliability of data collected on the treatment of packaging waste and the achievement of national targets set for the recovery and recycling of packaging waste?
2. What is the Commission's position regarding the possibility of creating a European information-sharing system that would allow environmental control authorities in the Member States to observe the real-time situation regarding the shipment of non-hazardous waste and to prevent criminal activities in the waste sector?