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to the Commission**

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Subject: Transboundary movement of waste

At the October plenary session, the Parliament adopted the first European plastics strategy. Europeans produce 25 million tonnes of plastic waste every year, but less than 30% of that is collected for recycling. A large proportion is sent to developing countries that struggle with their on-going disposal. This is also true with respect to other types of waste: we get rid of it in Europe and send it to third countries. This does not solve the pollution issue globally, but rather exacerbates the problem, taking into account the methods used to store and treat exported waste.

Does the Commission monitor the process whereby waste is exported from the EU to third countries?

What are the environmental effects of this approach?

Which documents govern the trade in waste between the EU and third countries?