

**Question for written answer E-006056/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Counterfeit products on European markets

The latest Eurostat data shows that EU Member States lose up to EUR 60 billion annually to counterfeit products that flood European markets. This amount corresponds to 7.5% of sales in 13 sectors of the European economy.

In the opinion of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), employees are also losing out. The EUIPO report shows that, because of counterfeit products, enterprises produce fewer goods and therefore, as a direct result, they employ fewer people (according to EUIPO statistics, more than 430 000 jobs are affected).

China is the largest supplier of counterfeits in the European Union.

Increasingly, counterfeit goods pose a considerable threat to human health and life. Furthermore, potentially dangerous goods for everyday use, including health products, medicines, toys and electrical items constitute an increasing proportion of all seizures.

1. Does the Commission intend to implement measures to further protect citizens from potentially dangerous products?
2. Is the Commission planning to strengthen regulation aimed at employees and SMEs?