

**Question for written answer E-000531/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Palm oil

Palm oil is the most widely produced cheap vegetable oil in the world. The methods used to produce this foodstuff which is so popular with the agri-food industry are giving rise to tensions, however.

Vast quantities of water and fertiliser are needed to improve palm oil yields. The authorities in palm oil-producing countries also engage in deforestation to increase production, and local people are the victims of these irresponsible practices. Palm oil production thus has a very real impact on the environment.

Given that the EU is the third-highest importer of palm oil in the world, what steps will the Commission take to regulate palm oil imports into Europe?