

**Question for written answer E-002173/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Considerable losses occasioned by piracy and counterfeiting in Romania

Counterfeiting and piracy are responsible for considerable losses – 17% of all sales to be precise – on sales markets in Romania. This issue affects not just Romania, but the rest of Europe and the whole world as well. The main sectors concerned are cosmetics, sports goods, toys and games, jewellery, watches, handbags and holdalls, wine and spirits, pharmaceuticals and smartphones.

This is all possible because manufacturers of legitimate goods are producing less than they would if there were no counterfeiting. They are therefore employing fewer workers, meaning that a significant number of jobs are being lost across the EU. Losses in the clothing, footwear and accessories sector in Romania stand at 16% of all sales, while in the cosmetics and personal care sector it is around 12% of all sales.

What tools does the Commission have at its disposal to stop piracy and counterfeiting in Europe?