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to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Social and environmental footprint of products

Europe, as a consumer of EUR 8 trillion of imported products per day, has the trading power to insist that any product on its market is durable, repairable, recyclable and made of recycled materials.

What measures is the Commission envisaging to help consumers understand better the social and environmental footprint of the products they are buying and using, such as estimated lifespan, and availability of spare parts and repair options among other things?

How is the Commission empowering consumers to opt for more sustainable consumption patterns?

Will the Commission be looking into more reliable, comparable and verifiable indicators, such as appropriate consumer friendly labelling?