Question for written answer E-001977/2021 to the Commission

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Subject: Illegal trade in hydrofluorocarbons entering the EU market

While it is launching a series of measures to tackle climate change, the EU should not overlook the proper enforcement of existing environmental legislation, including the F-gas Regulation.

One of the identified flaws in the enforcement of the F-gas Regulation is the abuse and misuse of the T1 transit procedure, which results in refrigerant gases being sold illegally in the internal market, outside of the hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) guota.

In the light of this:

- 1. Will the Commission review the T1 transit procedure as part of the revision of the F-gas Regulation, in particular by also making the HFC registry mandatory for consignees of T1 or by creating an F-gas-specific registry?
- 2. How can the Commission support increased enforcement by customs authorities (for example by improving IT systems and control equipment, harmonising the rules and establishing penalties)?