

**Question for written answer E-004101/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Teak imports from Myanmar and EU restrictions on the yachting industry

As a consequence of the coup d'état on 1 February 2021 by the military in Myanmar, the European Union has decided to impose restrictive measures, through Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/998, on individuals and businesses in Myanmar that are jeopardising democracy and the rule of law in the country.

The state-owned enterprise MTE (Myanma Timber Enterprise), which has exclusive rights over timber production and export, is one of the businesses named in the measures.

Supply of teak is vital for businesses in the yachting industry, a field in which both Tuscany – and Versilia in particular – and Liguria have a top-class reputation.

While agreeing with the Commission on the importance of defending human rights and its concerns over constraints on the rule of law in Myanmar:

1. Will the Commission reassure businesses that signed timber import agreements with Myanmar companies before 21 June, the date on which this Regulation was published, that they can complete contracts they had already signed, without incurring penalties?
2. Is it considering whether to earmark funds and resources to support businesses hit by the repercussions of the embargo imposed by this Regulation?