

**Question for written answer E-001540/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Use of satellites with ships radar for maritime surveillance

A number of companies have satellites with a ships radar for maritime surveillance. This makes it possible to locate ships that switch off their AIS transponder. Until now, this capacity was reserved for military earth observation only.

1. Does EMSA know of commercial suppliers of satellites with ships radar for maritime observation? What is its assessment of these capacities?
2. Using this technology, could specific ships be identified, including from their radar signature?
3. Is EMSA considering the procurement of such capacities, or a call for tenders for services of this kind?