

**Question for written answer E-000388/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Fast fashion is becoming an environmental problem

Fast fashion is becoming an environmental problem Globally, only 3% of textiles are recycled. The Integral Institute surveyed 1 506 people to find out more about the clothing habits of Austrians¹. One in two people buy their clothes from large fashion retailers or online stores. Most people think it is important that clothing is durable and functional, but this is not the reality. 20% of global water pollution can be attributed to the textile industry.

1. How does the Commission intend to address the unfair working conditions imposed in connection with companies such as SHEIN?
2. How will the Commission prevent the exploitation of workers in the future?
3. How will the Commission prevent such companies from exploiting competitive advantages on the Union market at the expense of human rights?

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¹ <https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000142682199/in-oesterreich-liegen-millionen-kleidungsstuecke-ungenuetzt-im-kasten>