

**Question for written answer E-002761/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Timber products from China – request for Commission action to protect the European supply chain

The timber products market, in particular the flooring sector, is seeing a continuous and ever-growing influx of substandard products, to the detriment of consumers and the European supply chain as a whole.

These products, most of which come from China, would not appear to comply with the guidelines for products imported into the European market. The circulation of such products within the Italian and European markets is highly damaging as it constitutes unfair competition in respect of European producers and artisans.

In view of this:

1. What steps does the Commission plan to take to prevent such products from entering the European market?
2. How does it intend to support the timber supply chain and buttress the competitiveness of companies operating in this sector?

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