

**Question for written answer E-003273/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Prohibiting products made using forced labour on the EU market

The Commission's proposal COM(2022) 453 aims to adopt a ban that effectively prevents products manufactured using forced labour from being placed onto the EU market and made available or exported from the EU. The ban is intended to apply to both products manufactured in the EU and those imported into the EU¹. While the INTA-IMCO joint report welcomes the proposal, some amendments were also tabled to make the instrument more efficient².

1. What is the Commission's view of the competent committees' proposal that the instrument should also cover the packaging, transport and distribution of goods?
2. How does the Commission view the Committees' call for more protection for individuals in the form of support, legal assistance or physical protection, especially for those who have disclosed information about products made using forced labour?
3. Is the Commission considering establishing harmonised penalties across the EU, as called for in the report of the competent committees?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52022PC0453>

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2023-0306_EN.html