

**Question for written answer E-003738/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Unfair competition from Turkish fisheries and aquaculture

The EU and Turkey have shared a customs union for almost 30 years. In this time, bilateral trade has grown more than fourfold and reached almost EUR 200 billion last year. The EU remains Turkey's largest export and import market. In addition, the customs union has opened up enormous opportunities for Turkey-based companies and has enabled their integration into European supply chains.

This customs union also requires a legislative alignment on the part of Turkey with the EU *acquis* in areas such as sanitary and phytosanitary regulations.

Furthermore, Turkey strongly supports fisheries and aquaculture with subsidies ranging from tax exemptions on fuel for vessels to an aquaculture subsidy programme.

1. Can the Commission provide information on the state of the alignment of Turkish law with EU fisheries and aquaculture legislation?
2. Does Turkey have legislation similar to that of the Union on traceability of fisheries and aquaculture products?
3. Is the Commission aware of the impact of Turkey's subsidies on EU fisheries and aquaculture?

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