

**Question for written answer P-002925/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fishery products from Papua New Guinea: failure to comply with the requirements under EU legislation for fishery products exported to the EU

The final report of the mission carried out in Papua New Guinea from 12 to 18 February 2008 in order to evaluate the control systems in place governing the production of fishery products intended for export to the European Union (DG(SANCO)/2008-7646-MR-final) concludes that, despite a slight improvement to the disastrous health and hygiene conditions in Papua New Guinea since the 2007 inspection, the PNG fishery products exported to the EU do not meet the EU requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1664/2006.

Similarly, irregularities were found in the issue of health certificates for export to the EU, which are consequently not in accordance with Annex VI, point 2, of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 or with Council Directive 96/93/EC.

In view of these irregularities, and others identified in the Commission's report, and of the fact that exports to the EU are nevertheless continuing, what action will the Commission take to ensure that exported PNG fishery products comply with the requirements laid down in EU legislation?