

**Question for written answer P-007162/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Fraud in the mercury sector

In its answer to question E-005895/2016, the Commission said that it was 'aware of the alleged fraudulent transactions' in breach of two EU regulations. Even though it was aware of the fraud, the Commission gave only an approximate figure, stating that 'several hundred kilogrammes of mercury' are involved. The Commission also failed to clarify what happened to the mercury involved in the fraud, stating that it 'may have been shipped (...) to Switzerland, the Netherlands and Greece'.

1. Can the Commission provide more precise information on when the fraud occurred and when it became aware of it?
2. What is the total weight of the mercury involved in the fraud, and what countries are implicated?
3. Has the Commission established where this mercury is and whether it has been placed on the market again?
4. How many infringement proceedings have been opened in relation to this matter?