

**Question for written answer P-000137/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Illegal Timber - EU-Mercosur agreement

Under the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), illegally harvested timber is prohibited on EU markets. However, authorisation documents provided by operators in the EU are very susceptible to falsification, as has been repeatedly exposed by Greenpeace investigations. Several EU companies have been buying timber from a Brazilian logging firm whose owner was implicated in the murder of nine members of an Amazonian community in Colniza, Mato Grosso, on 19 April 2017.

What is the Commission doing to ensure that the competent authorities under the EUTR are conducting thorough checks on operators in their jurisdictions?

Will there be binding and enforceable due diligence measures in the article on Trade and Sustainable Management of Forests in the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement to ensure that atrocities like this do not continue to happen?