

**Question for written answer E-004919/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible fraud in tuna imported from Vietnam under the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA)

In December 2024, the Commission and OLAF were made aware of suspicions that certain tuna loins imported from Vietnam were not of Vietnamese origin, and were thus unduly benefiting from the 0% preferential tariff set out in the EVFTA. This alleged fraud would mean potential losses of millions of euros in customs duties and serious harm to the competitiveness of European companies in the sector, which operate under the strictest rules.

While OLAF opened an investigation in July 2025, DG MARE has yet to take any action, and DG TRADE has not responded to the formal complaint lodged in February 2025.

In view of the above:

1. Can the Commission confirm whether it has launched – or intends to launch – a formal investigation into Vietnam's compliance with the EVFTA rules of origin for processed tuna, and whether it plans to take urgent measures to prevent tariff fraud and ensure fair competition in the EU market?
2. Given the increasing phenomenon of the redirection of exports into the EU, where they are free of tariffs, what does the Commission intend to do to prevent unfair competition and protect European producers?

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