

Priority question for written answer P-001793/2026
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 144
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Subject: EU sanctions and stolen grain

Recent investigative reporting indicates that substantial quantities of grain looted from Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine have been exported via complex maritime routes and sold on international markets, including to third countries. This has given rise to concerns regarding the circumvention of international sanctions and the indirect financing of Russia's war effort. Evidence suggests the use of 'dark fleet' vessels, the deactivation of tracking by automatic identification systems, ship-to-ship transfers and falsified documentation to obscure the origin of the grain.

1. How does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) intend to address the alleged circumvention of EU restrictive measures related to the trade in stolen Ukrainian agricultural products?
2. Does the VP/HR plan to propose or support sanctions against individuals, companies or intermediaries found to be knowingly involved in such practices?
3. What additional measures does the VP/HR envisage to strengthen monitoring, traceability and enforcement mechanisms in order to prevent stolen grain from entering EU or global markets, including cooperation with international partners and maritime authorities?

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