

EN

E-002402/2025

Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
(7.8.2025)

As pointed out in the replies to written questions E-001687/2024¹ and E-002244/2017², the Commission is aware of the quarrying activities in the Pentadaktylos mountains and continues to follow the issue. The Commission takes note of the concerns related to environmental considerations and to fair competition. It regularly raises, with the Turkish Cypriot community, the need to apply appropriate conservation measures and protect this environmentally sensitive area. The Commission is also facilitating the alignment of Turkish Cypriot legal texts to EU environmental standards, particularly in relation to construction and demolition waste and its recycling, to reduce quarrying.

Pursuant to Protocol 10 of the 2003 Act of Accession³, the *acquis* in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus (RoC) in which the RoC Government does not exercise effective control is suspended. The trade of goods from these areas to the areas in which the RoC Government exercises effective control takes place under Council Regulation (EC) No 866/2004 (Green Line Regulation)⁴. The Green Line Regulation does not prohibit the trade of construction materials, including aggregates, across the Green Line, subject to some requirements. The primacy of EU law prohibits Member States from adopting or applying national provisions that conflict with EU law.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001687-ASW_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2017-002244-ASW_EN.html.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/acc_2003/act_1/pro_10/sign/eng.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02004R0866-20150831>.