

**Question for written answer E-015681/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Old Dock in Galway

The historic Old Dock in Galway Harbour was improperly used as a dump site during the construction in the 1990s of residential properties nearby. The Irish Environmental Protection Agency confirmed in 2009 the existence of this dump. As the infill is on State foreshore, it also constitutes dumping at sea.

In the light of this, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

- Can it confirm that the Member State in question (Ireland) is obligated to act to clear the dump in the Old Dock, given that the Old Dock is part of Galway Harbour, a Special Conservation Area?
- If not, why not?
- Can the Commission itself provide any assistance in the clearing of this dump?