

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0169/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Reform of the milk sector

In the recent reform of the milk sector in connection with the so called CAP check-up, one Member State, namely Italy, was granted the possibility of using, as of the first year, the entire quota increase for the whole transition period until the quota arrangements are abolished. This will mean that from the first marketing year, Italy will enjoy an increase of 540 000 tonnes, while during the first year of implementation of the reform, Spain - which likewise has a production deficit - will have only 62 300 tonnes at its disposal, thus giving rise to a situation which by any reckoning is unfavourable to Spain.

What is the reason for the difference between the ways in which the reform is being applied to Italy and to Spain?