

**Question for written answer E-005848/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulation 1308/2013

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of Parliament and the Council, of 17 December 2013, establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, introduces, among other things, a new regulatory framework for the sugar sector. Most of its provisions in this respect are clear. However, further clarification on how to interpret certain aspects of the rules would be welcome.

Specifically, it would be useful to know whether – in the light of Article 125 of the regulation, laying down the rules for the mandatory negotiation of terms under an agreement within the trade, in conjunction with the provisions of Article 209 – farmers' organisations, as part of an agreement within the trade, can conclude a joint agreement with a single processing company to accept an agreed minimum price instead of the minimum price laid down in the Regulation.

Can the Commission please clarify this aspect of the rules?