

**Question for written answer E-006376/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Compensation for Cypriot producers and exporters to ease the consequences for them of the Russian embargo on imports of agricultural products from EU countries

For the last few years, Russia has been a target market for Cypriot producers and exporters, in particular for exports of fruit, vegetables, dairy products and fish.

At a time when the economy of Cyprus is being irreparably damaged by the ongoing economic crisis and the policies of the Troika, the effects of the Russian embargo on imports of agricultural products from EU countries will probably be much greater in Cyprus than in other Member States of the European Union. According to reports in the Cypriot press and initial estimates by the government of Cyprus, Cyprus is incurring losses of EUR 15 million, and more than 2 500 families are expected to be directly affected.

In view of the above, will the Commission state:

1. What immediate steps will it take to ensure that the Cypriot producers and exporters affected by the Russian embargo receive compensation?
2. Did it take into account the various national interests of Member States and the impact on their economies in deciding to impose sanctions on Russia?