

**Question for written answer E-007383/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Revision of the milk price equalisation scheme in Norway - repercussions for EU agri-business

The Norwegian Government decided at the end of June 2014 to revise the equalisation scheme for the price of milk and to cut the price of Norwegian milk as a raw material in the manufacture of yogurt. This new measure comes under Norway's 'PU-ordningen' legislation.

This action calls into question efforts by the European Union (EU) to liberalise progressively marketing in farm goods under the EU-Norway trade agreement. It also penalises several EU agri-business players that have invested in the Norwegian yogurt market.

The recent changes to the 'PU-ordningen' scheme have led to a rise in the already relatively high import prices and hence strengthened import barriers.

A measure such as this holds back the development of a free and competitive market which is the very essence of the EU-Norway Agreement. It will clearly penalise EU agricultural players that have invested in the Norwegian market, firstly, and consumers secondly, as the choice available to them can only lessen in the years to come.

Is the Commission aware of this situation and the financial repercussions for EU dairy products imported by Norway?

What measures, if necessary, will it take to put a stop to this unfair competition?