

**Question for written answer E-009009/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Guarantees concerning the free movement of goods in France

The judgment handed down by the European Court of Justice on 9 December 1997, in the case of the European Commission v. France, stated the following: 'Declares that, by failing to adopt all necessary and proportionate measures in order to prevent the free movement of fruit and vegetables from being obstructed by actions by private individuals, the French Republic has failed to fulfil its obligations under Article 30 of the EC Treaty, in conjunction with Article 5 of that Treaty, and under the common organisations of the markets in agricultural products'.

In August 2011, during the E. coli outbreak, Spanish lorries were attacked several times in France. This year, during the Russian embargo crisis, similar attacks took place – see question P-005742/2014. These are not isolated incidents, therefore, but a recurring response to crises affecting the prices of fruit and vegetables.

1. What measures will the Commission take to guarantee that goods can move freely in France during the next crisis that affects the prices of fruit and vegetables?
2. Could the Commission provide details of the measures guaranteeing the free movement of goods taken by the French Government following the judgment handed down by the Court of Justice and the 2011 attacks?
3. Have these measures been revised or improved?