

**Question for written answer E-009040/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Sale of low-cost dairy products

A number of Galician agricultural organisations have expressed concern to me about the fact that, owing to Russia's embargo on EU food imports, the Spanish market is being inundated with extremely low-cost dairy products from European countries. Traders may consequently be forced to sell at a loss, which is prohibited under EU law.

The problem is rooted in the fact that the intervention prices set by the EU are too low. As a result, abusive practices have crept in and the price paid to Spanish dairy producers has plummeted.

1. Has the Commission come across or been investigating any practices of this kind since the start of the Russian embargo?
2. Does it not think that intervention prices should be adjusted with a view to preventing problems of this kind?
3. What action is it able to take to prevent problems of this kind and the drop in dairy prices?