

**Question for written answer E-009826/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject:     Figures on rice imports

In a previous question (P-007326/2014), I asked for an explanation of the discrepancy between the statement 'rice imports from Cambodia have replaced imports from another source' and figures on rice imports which indicate a rise of 16.5%. In its answer, the Commission, referring to the answer to another question, confirmed this statement, which is however highly generic: if an overall increase is recorded, the imports from one country must be added to those from other countries. Furthermore, if the percentage change reaches double figures, a more detailed analysis would be called for.

In consideration also of the hydrogeological impact, this answer is somewhat superficial.

In the light of the above:

1.   Is it possible to obtain more detailed figures on the breakdown of commercial flows of imported rice in parallel with the sale of rice produced in Europe?
2.   Does the Commission not consider that impact assessments should be carried out before these situations arise instead of waiting until it is too late to take action?