

**Question for written answer E-001095/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Mutual recognition of geographical indications between the EU and Morocco

Last week Morocco and the EU reached agreement on mutual recognition of their respective protected geographical indications (PGIs) with a view to promoting and fostering trade relations in agricultural products and foodstuffs between the two parties.

PGIs show products' links with a region in at least one of the stages of production, processing or preparation and involve high-quality products derived from the cultural heritage of given regions or places.

Given that, in order for the agreement to enter into force, it must be approved by both the Moroccan Government and the European Council and Parliament:

1. Can the Commission clarify what Moroccan products have been allocated protected geographical indications?
2. Is there any competition between EU and Moroccan products with PGI protection, such as *turrón* [nougat candy], bananas, mussels or others?
3. If so, have any studies been carried out on how such mutual recognition might affect EU products with PGI, whether positively or negatively?