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Subject: Difficulties of enforcing the Milk Package in Spain

Following the approval of the 'Milk Package', Spain decided to introduce compulsory sales contracts in its territory, with a minimum duration of 12 months, enabling producers to sell their milk at pre-established prices. The legislation is not an accurate reflection of reality, however. In the face of pressure from large retailers with low end prices, producers are gradually being forced to reduce what they are able charge. The contracts actually last for four months rather than the 12 stipulated by the law.

1. Is the Commission aware of the difficulties of enforcing the Milk Package in Spain?
2. In view of the imminent end of the quota system, what instruments are available under the CAP to counteract the specific problems of the Spanish milk sector, which is very different to that of other EU Member States for a variety of reasons well known to the Commission?