

**Question for written answer E-002217/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Effects of the entry into the European market of the Chinese chestnut

Various organisations representing the chestnut sector in Europe (including producers, traders, industrialists and service providers) have drawn attention to the effects of the increasing entry into the European market of the Chinese chestnut – a distinct species, of inferior quality, easily distinguishable when consumed fresh but which competes strongly in the by-products market, whose weight is decisive for many companies in the business.

We ask the European Commission for information on the approach that has been taken to this problem and on the measures that have been taken, or that may be taken, for protecting and improving native European varieties and encouraging their consumption, whether fresh, or as processed products.

What measures have been or may be taken (for example, in terms of consumer information) to ensure a conscious and informed choice as to the geographical origin of the product and the characteristics that are associated with it?