

**Question for written answer E-002478/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The WTO and the Doha Round

As part of the WTO's Ninth Ministerial Conference, which was held in December 2013, members of the WTO concluded negotiations on a series of Doha Round issues (the Bali Package). This package includes a new agreement on trade facilitation, as well as decisions on agricultural and development issues.

Implementation of this agreement was held back in July 2014, when India made its approval dependent on checking the rules governing public stockholding of food products. The deadline for drawing up a working programme on this and other Doha Round issues has been extended by six months, to the end of July 2015. The aim is for an agreement to be ratified in Nairobi in December this year.

Since the WTO Committee on Agriculture met recently, on 28 January, can the Commission provide information on the current situation as regards the issue of agricultural subsidies in the US, which have been at the heart of the debate? Also, what is the current situation as regards public stockholding, which is another polemical issue that has been much debated?