Question for written answer E-003070/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: CXL rate for sugar cane imports into the EU

In the 'Medium-term prospects for EU agricultural markets and income 2014-2024' report, published in December 2014, the Commission states that it is anticipating a drop in the price of sugar and an increase in production once sugar and isoglucose quotes are abolished in 2017.

It also anticipates an increase in isoglucose consumption, which may account for more than 10 % of the total consumption of sweeteners (including sugar), as sugar consumption decreases.

In light of the above, its own predictions and its commitment to maintaining the balance between competing interests in the sugar industry, does the Commission consider that maintaining the CXL rate for sugar cane imports into the EU is justifiable? Is it at all possible that the application of this rate will be revised before the expected end to the sugar quotas?