

**Question for written answer E-006064/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: CAP funds earmarked for Italy

Reports have emerged suggesting that there will be a cut of EUR 540 million to the CAP budget earmarked for Italy as a result of an investigation by OLAF, said investigation having reportedly uncovered irregularities in the way funds were distributed by AGEA – the agency of the Italian Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry Policy entrusted with this task.

If there truly are on-going investigations, then a decision of this magnitude could become a problem for the entire sector – with repercussions for the political sphere as well.

Without prejudice to the principle according to which there should be no exceptions to the proper management of European funds, and in light of Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 885/2006, can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. Can it provide further information on the above circumstances?
2. Can it explain the reasoning behind an entire country being forced to bear the consequences of any violation, instead of specifically punishing the offender?