Question for written answer E-007909/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Dairy sector price crisis

The Galician dairy sector is experiencing an unprecedented price crisis. According to the latest available information, the price of milk has fallen by some 30% in the past year, and is now below 30 cents per litre. Various professional organisations have indicated that more than 4 000 farms are not achieving even 27 cents per litre on average, and the Unións Agrarias trade union has sent some 1 100 dairy contracts to the Ministry of Agriculture which it considers fraudulent on account of the price and volume impositions to be applied to producers, at prices as low as 18 cents.

Is the Commission aware of the price crisis that the Galician dairy sector is experiencing and what is its opinion on the subject?

Is the Commission examining or does it plan to examine the situation in Galicia and its causes?

What steps can be taken within the CAP to address the bleeding reported by the sector?

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