

**Question for written answer E-011921/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Constant encumbrance of peach producers as a result of sanctions imposed by the EU

Once again this year, peach producers in Greece have to face the fact that their harvest stays in the field or is sold at extremely low prices, below the cost of production, while at the same time, peaches are sold at a price 7-8 times higher to working consumers. Prices are much lower when the peaches are intended for processing or juicing.

This situation has worsened due to the embargo on exports to Russia from the EU and its governments, as a result of the war conflicts in Ukraine, after an intervention by the US, the EU and NATO, which was backed by Greek governments.

It is a well-known fact that Russia is a major recipient of our country's fruit production, following the loss of markets of EU countries, as a result of the requirements of the Common Agricultural Policy, among others.

In addition to the aforementioned negative developments, peach producers will also have to face measures that will strengthen the 'savage robbery' of farmers through taxes; these measures are stipulated by the new Memorandum of Understanding between the Greek government on the one hand, and the Commission, the ECB and the IMF on the other.

Will the Commission say:

- What is its stance with respect to the immediate need to provide generous emergency aid to peach producers, of an amount much greater than the minimum amount of 30 million euro that was given last year, in view of the fact that the embargo on exports to Russia is still in force and that the situation of small and medium-sized farmers has worsened?