

**Question for written answer E-012289/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Disturbance and/or serious imbalance in the fruit and vegetables market

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides for measures to be taken in the event of market disturbances and for agreements and decisions to be adopted during periods of severe market imbalance, but gives no definition, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, of a disturbance and/or serious imbalance in a given market. The Commission has stated, in the joint answer given by Mr Hogan on its behalf to written questions E-009458/14 and E-008760/14, that there are several kinds of market disturbances, and that they may be the result of political factors rather than market fundamentals.

Can the Commission say under what conditions a significant fall or increase in prices would cause a disturbance or a serious imbalance in a market?

What kinds of market disturbances does the Commission consider there to be?

Can the Commission tell us under what conditions price falls are the result of market fundamentals and not of a disturbance or serious imbalance in a market?