

**Question for written answer E-015182/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The EU embargo against Russia

On 7 August 2014 Russia decided to ban imports of fruit and vegetables, dairy produce, beef, pork and poultry from the EU. This has had a huge impact on Greece. Exports of Greek fruit and vegetables have fallen by EUR 93 million, i.e. 34%.

Next year – 2016 – has been declared the year of Greek-Russian friendship. However, attempts are being made to undermine relations between Greece and Russia for the benefit of third parties whose export markets are not affected like Greece's. Furthermore, there is serious concern about the operational readiness of our Russian-built defence systems due to the lack of spare parts – without which they cannot be properly maintained – and technical support.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

Will account be taken of the above situation in considering the future of sanctions against Russia?

How will it compensate farmers of horticultural products and citrus fruit for the huge losses they have incurred as a result of the sanctions against Russia?