

**Question for written answer E-002936/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Possible closure of the Agnesi factory in Imperia

At the end of April 2014, the Colussi Group's top management announced the decision to shut down the historical Agnesi pasta factory in Imperia, Italy. This decision prompted a wave of trade union-led demonstrations by workers at the Liguria site.

The Imperia factory, one of the largest production sites of the Colussi Group in Italy, employs about 180 employees and is held in great esteem for the exemplary professionalism of its workers and the level of specialisation of its production, as well as for its historical significance, given that it has been there for more than two hundred years.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of any staff cutbacks by the Colussi Group at the Imperia factory?

2. Aside from Directive 98/59/EC, is any legislation in force that provides for instruments to prevent the closure of major production plants in Europe?

3. What specific measures will the Commission take to sustain employment and production levels in Italy, with a view to bringing production back within EU borders ('reshoring')?