

**Question for written answer E-003435/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures for the fruit and vegetable sector

Last week the three organisations representing French, Spanish and Italian fruit and vegetable cooperatives sent a letter to Commissioner Hogan, requesting that the extraordinary measures introduced following the Russian embargo be extended beyond 30 June 2016 and that they should cover all affected fruit and vegetable products. They also reiterated their view that the maximum amounts of support for market withdrawals established in Annex XI of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 should be increased as a matter of urgency. Some countries had also called for these measures at the EU Council of Agriculture Ministers.

1. When does the Commission plan to adopt the regulation extending the extraordinary measures introduced in the light of the Russian embargo, in an effort to reassure the sector?
2. Can the Commission confirm whether this regulation will cover all affected fruit and vegetable products?
3. Will the Commission increase the maximum amounts of support for the withdrawal of fruit and vegetable products, bearing in mind that currently such amounts cover only 20% of market prices?