

**Question for written answer E-004307/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Inclusion of families with three children in means-tested scheme for the free distribution of fruit and vegetables withdrawn from sale

On 12 May 2016, the Ministry of Rural Development and Food issued a press release entitled 'Means-tested scheme for the free distribution to large families of fruit and vegetables withdrawn from sale'.

However, families with just three children are not eligible to benefit from this scheme, which is intended for large families with dependent children.

This is despite the adoption by the Greek Parliament of legal provisions relating to increased social protection for families with three children under Law 3454/2006 on 'Family support and other measures' (Government Gazette 75/A/7.4.2006).

Inclusion of families with three children among those eligible would not only help the recipients in question but also provide an additional outlet for growers.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what action it intends to take in cooperation with the Greek competent authorities to ensure the inclusion of families with three children among the beneficiaries of this EU-funded means-tested scheme for the distribution fruit and vegetables withdrawn from sale?