

**Question for written answer E-005831/2016  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** The Norwegian and EEA Financial Mechanism Agreements for 2014-2021 and the Norwegian fish trade protocol for 2014-2021

Following the imposition of Norwegian ad valorem duties of 277 %, 429 % and 344 % for certain cheeses, lamb and beef respectively in 2013, Parliament called on the Commission in its resolution of 4 July 2013<sup>1</sup> to enter into 'negotiations with Norwegian authorities in order to work for a mutually satisfactory solution in relation to imports/exports of agricultural products'. Furthermore, the Parliament asked the Commission to 'specify the measures it intend[ed] to take in the eventuality that Norway refuse[d] to reverse its decision', which it has not done. Parliament also called on the Commission to 'take into consideration the possibility of proposing further action in the event of a lack of cooperation, with the aim of having the measures withdrawn'.

In light of the negotiations on the Norwegian and EEA Financial Mechanism agreements for 2014-2021 and the Norwegian fish trade protocol for 2014-2021 recently concluded:

1. What actions has the Commission taken to find a mutually satisfactory solution in relation to the import/export of agricultural products?
2. What precise requirements and measures has the Commission taken to address the ad valorem in Norwegian duties, specifically in relation to the abovementioned negotiations on the EEA and the Norwegian Fish Trade Protocol – and is the Commission of the opinion that the outcome of the negotiations is satisfactory?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 75, 26.2.2016, p. 118.