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Subject: Effects of Brexit on agriculture

On 23 June 2016, 51.9% of British voters opted for the UK to leave the EU. In the wake of this result, the UK is expected to initiate the legal procedures and negotiations necessary to arrange for the country's exit from the EU.

Overall, some 7.55% of Spain's total exports go to the UK, which takes third place in terms of Spanish exports behind France and Germany. Where specific sectors are concerned, agriculture is one of the central ones, with Spain being the UK's main provider of fruit and vegetables.

The decision taken on 23 June has caused a great deal of concern in the farming sector, given the large proportion of Spanish exports that are sent to the UK.

With that in mind:

What effects will Brexit have on exports of agricultural and fisheries products from EU countries to the UK, and specifically where Spain is concerned?

Is the Commission intending to take action to guarantee that exports will not be affected in the wake of Brexit?

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