

**Question for written answer E-008720/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Circumstances of the disbursement of EU agricultural subsidies

1. Suppose that, in relation to the payment of subsidies from the common agricultural policy, a legal dispute arises, lasting several years, between a farmer and a Member State paying agency in connection with the lawfulness of the payment – the applicability of EU law – the outcome of which is that the subsidy in question has to be paid to the farmer. In this case, in a non-Eurozone Member State, does the subsidy have to be paid at the euro-to-national-currency exchange rate determined for the year it was granted, or at the rate for the year in which the legal dispute, which lasted several years, ended?
2. As regards the Member State rules applying to the owner and user of the agricultural land – where these fall within the scope of EU law – is a state of affairs conceivable whereby certain Member State rules constituting direct discrimination do not conflict with EU law?
3. In the situation described in the second paragraph, can a Member State justify rules which directly discriminate against the citizens of other Member States by showing that in practice they only affect a small number of people?