

**Question for written answer E-008984/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Sanitary and phytosanitary matters in trade agreements

The Commission's impact assessments of trade agreements applying to the EU agricultural sector do not allow for sanitary and phytosanitary matters, which, according to the Commission, are impossible to assess.

These major non-tariff barriers do, however, have effects, firstly on EU exports and secondly – and even more so – on imports of agricultural products onto the EU single market.

How will these matters be monitored for the purposes of future trade agreements, given that their impact cannot be gauged?