

**Question for written answer E-000378/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Attacks on Spanish lorries in France

The news agency AFP recently reported on another attack on Spanish producers in France. A tanker was emptied of its cargo of wine from Chiva (Valencia). This is not an isolated case: we have spoken out about a number of similar ones in recent months. And nor is there any doubt that the attack actually happened: the AFP report quotes Anaïs Amlaric, Vice-Chair of the Gard department's young farmers' association, who owned up to the attack.

We take the view that what Spanish lorry drivers and producers are being subjected to in the south of France amounts to an attack on one of the EU's fundamental principles: the internal market. It is also aggressive behaviour and therefore punitive action must be taken¹.

1. Is the Commission aware that more organised attacks are being carried out on Spanish lorries and producers?
2. Is the Commission going to take punitive action against the French Government, as it undertook to do in its answer to a parliamentary question, with a view to ensuring that the conditions of the internal market are met?
3. What steps will be taken to guarantee the safety of our lorry drivers and producers in France?

¹ <http://www.lamarseillaise.fr/gard/flash/56499-gard-aude-des-viticulteurs-en-colere-contre-les-importations-de-vins-espagnols>
http://www.lasprovincias.es/economia/agricultura/201701/17/agricultores-franceses-vacian-camion-20170117180805.html?ns_campaign=jaqueton&ns_mchannel=manual&ns_source=facebook&ns_linkname=general&ns_fee=0