

**Question for written answer E-000464/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Compensation for Greek farmers for damage to their crops caused by the unprecedented wave of bad weather in Greece

Heavy snowfall in Greece has brought the agricultural sector to a standstill. It has been unprecedented in a number of regions and has caused incalculable damage to farmers, mainly destroying citrus and olive trees and crops.

Due to the extremely low temperatures, crops have frozen in the fields and have been completely destroyed, while greenhouse crops have been severely damaged in several parts of the country.

Furthermore, in areas such as Crete, Iliia and Achaia, olive oil producers have been confronted with the total destruction of their olive groves. An estimated 9 out of 10 olive trees have been damaged because their branches have broken under the heavy load of snow. Moreover, it is feared that the continuing extreme temperatures in Greece have destroyed not only the fruit, but also the trees themselves.

It should also be noted that farmers have not yet been compensated for previous damage to their crops.

In view of the above, will the Commission say what measures it will take in cooperation with the competent Greek authorities to ensure that the Greek farmers affected receive full compensation without delay?