

**Question for written answer E-002487/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Subsidy fraud in the Canary Islands

In September 2016, the European Parliament's Committee on Petitions accepted Petition No 0227/2016 from a Spanish company (Harinera Lanzaroteña S.A.) complaining that Spain and the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands are failing to comply with the accumulation clause in the Specific supply arrangements (SSA) for the Canary Islands, in breach of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

Some companies receive different amounts of aid for the same goods (SSA subsidies for inter-island transport in the archipelago, and for transport between the Spanish peninsula and the Canary Islands). This practice constitutes a breach of European rules and results in unfair competition. The Spanish authorities have prevented the petitioner from accessing documents that could be used as evidence. A complaint was made to Spain, and to the Commission in 2010, which resulted in the disclosure of records that, according to the petitioner, were wrongly closed without the appropriate checks.

The Committee on Petitions asked the Commission to open a new investigation in relation to Petition No 0227/2016.

1. What stage has that investigation reached?
2. What was the legal basis for closing, in 2015, the records that were the subject of the complaint to the Commission in 2010?
3. Has the Commission checked the documents relating to the subsidies in question?