

**Question for written answer E-002571/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Brexit and the European Union's capacity to absorb imports of sensitive agricultural products under tariff quotas

The United Kingdom has triggered Article 50 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

This decision will have an impact on future relations between the EU27 and its trading partners. The main concern with regard to agriculture is that the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU will shrink the European market and, accordingly, reduce its capacity to absorb imports of certain sensitive products under tariff quotas. These include both WTO quotas and quotas under the many agreements or other preferential arrangements concluded by the Union. It is clear that, all things being equal, the impact of these imports on European farmers will automatically increase when the same quantities of zero- or reduced-duty products have to be taken up by an EU with one fewer Member State.

1. Can the Commission provide a table setting out all the tariff quotas currently applicable to imports into the EU which specifies the relevant legal basis, the quantity and the duties applicable below and above the quota, and the share accounted for by the United Kingdom in each case?
2. Can the Commission explain how the scale of the problem is being assessed and how it intends to address it? Will it be possible to adjust the tariff quotas in question?