

**Question for written answer E-004250/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Delay in CETA's provisional application?

On 14 June 2017, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) revealed that the provisional application of CETA, due to begin on 1 July, could be delayed because of disagreements between Canada and the European Commission over how the agreement will be implemented. Whereas Canada does not have free allocation of quotas (they are organised through annual import licences), it appears that the government has decided to make 60% of cheese quotas duty-free for dairy farmers and cheese processing companies. Faced with the risk of those companies not using their quotas to avoid European competition or of taking commission for selling duty-free imported European cheese at the same price as before, the EU could request to postpone the provisional application, according to the CBC.

Is it true that CETA's provisional application could be delayed owing to tensions over quota allocation?

Is cheese the only product whose quota allocation proposed by Canada poses a problem?

What guarantees can the Canadian Government give in terms of the correct use of quotas allocated to dairy farmers and processing companies?