

**Question for written answer E-004256/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Moroccan tomatoes

On 6 June 2017, according to the Commission's RASFF portal (reference 2017.0784) a consignment of cocktail tomatoes from Morocco, shipped via France, was found in the Czech Republic to be infected with norovirus (GI/100g), constituting a serious qualified risk and provoking a health alert. With that in mind:

- Does the Commission consider that existing sanitary checks are sufficient to prevent the entry from Morocco into the EU of fruit and vegetables which may pose a risk to health or spread contagion?
- Is the Commission sure that the shipment did not come from Western Sahara, which, according to the European Court of Justice, is separate from Morocco and a distinct territory?