

**Question for written answer E-005441/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Emergency in the fruit sector (II)

Over the last three years, a pattern of action by the Commission has emerged in relation to the crises in the fruit sector: a warning issued by producers before the start of the season, a crisis in the fruit-picking season and action taken by the Commission after a delay of several weeks resulting in thousands of tonnes of food being wasted. Taking into account the fact that approximately 89 million tonnes of food in Europe are wasted every year, will the Commission say:

- Does it believe that the automatic activation of the mechanisms provided for in the CMO Regulation - specifically, Articles 219, 221 and 226 - would immediately help a sector that has been in crisis for more than five years?
- Will it draw up a package of measures to help address the structural causes of these crises in the European fruit sector and reduce the level of food waste?
- What economic impact does the Commission feel that postponing decision-making until the post-2020 CAP reform may have on European farmers?