## Question for written answer E-007220/2017 to the Commission

**Rule 130** 

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Subject: Adverse consequences for employment of the European Commission agreement with

New Zealand

On 13 September 2017, the Commission announced an ultra-liberal draft trade agreement with New Zealand.

The results of a 2016 study by the French Ministry of Economic Affairs show that such an agreement would benefit New Zealand a great deal more than France:

- In the services sector, France exports 7 times less than the UK. Indeed, France currently
  accounts for only 4% of EU services exported to New Zealand according to the New Zealand
  statistical office<sup>1</sup>;
- In agriculture, the agreement would be 24 times less profitable<sup>2</sup>. Such an agreement would result
  in considerable competition for dairy and beef producers. New Zealand already produces 25% of
  the beef imported into Europe<sup>3</sup> even though the EU currently imposes customs duties of 37%.

How many jobs will be lost in France as a result of the agreement?

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http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse\_for\_stats/industry\_sectors/imports\_and\_exports/GoodsServicesTrade Country\_HOTPYeDec16/Tables.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Page 30 http://www.cepii.fr/PDF PUB/rr/rr2016 02.pdf

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