Question for written answer E-001075/2018 to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Common organisation of the market in the fruit and vegetables sector, entire production

and food donations

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products stipulates that farmers who are members of a producer organisation are required to market their entire production through that producer organisation, in accordance with the rules laid down as part of the common organisation of the market (COM) in the fruit and vegetables sector.

However, producer organisations set marketing criteria, in particular as regards the quality of produce, in the contracts they conclude with their clients.

Tonnes of produce which does not meet those criteria go unsold as a result and farmers cannot donate the produce in question because it is not covered by a derogation from the 'entire production' rule laid down by the COM in the fruit and vegetables sector.

Can produce which is not sold by the producer organisation but which remains the property of farmers be donated to associations which distribute food aid?

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