

**Question for written answer E-002620/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact assessments under the EU-Mercosur agreement

On 15 February 2018 we informed the Commission of our concerns about the liberalisation of Brazilian orange juice exports under the EU-Mercosur agreement, given the adverse impact such liberalisation could have on Europe's citrus fruit industry. Specifically, we asked the Commission whether it had conducted an impact assessment.

In its reply, the Commission mentioned two studies that apparently suggested there would be no significant impact on citrus fruit production in the Union. The Commission did state, however, that the studies in question had not focused on the situation with regard to specific products.

1. How is it possible, therefore, for the Commission to state that there is no risk of there being a significant impact on European production if the specific case of orange juice – the main citrus fruit product exported by Brazil – has not been examined?
2. Could the Commission explain in more detail how it is possible to ascertain the impact on an entire sector without examining the situation in respect of specific products on an individual basis?