

**Question for written answer E-001817/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Tariff-rate quotas in bilateral trade agreements

The withdrawal of the UK from the EU will have a severe knock-on effect on importers of certain goods, such as importers of bananas from the ACP countries. This is due to the fact that no apportionment of bilaterally negotiated tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) from the EU's free trade agreements has been planned. This may similarly have a detrimental effect on domestic EU agri-food producers of certain other goods, due to the fact that trade volumes will be exclusively focused on EU-27 markets.

Can the Commission state what measures are planned to unilaterally apportion existing bilaterally negotiated banana TRQs between the EU-27 and the UK market in case Article 129 of the Withdrawal Agreement does not come into force?

Can the Commission commit to extending safeguard arrangements for bananas in trade agreements, particularly those from ACP countries?

What plans are in place to ensure that the trade diversion of agri-food products from the UK to the EU-27 resulting from the UK's withdrawal from bilaterally negotiated trade agreements does not damage domestic sectors?