

**Question for oral answer O-000023/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 128

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on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Subject: Increase in Norwegian duties on agricultural products/recent negotiations on the fish trade protocol (2016/0052(NLE))

Following the imposition of Norwegian ad valorem duties of 277 %, 429 % and 344 % for certain cheeses, lamb and beef in 2013, Parliament considered in its resolution on the increase in Norwegian duties on agricultural products¹ that these increases went against the spirit and the letter of the bilateral agreement with Norway and called on the Commission 'to work for a mutually satisfactory solution in relation to imports/exports of agricultural products'. Furthermore, Parliament asked the Commission to specify the intended measures should Norway refuse to reverse its decision and to consider proposing further action in the event of a lack of cooperation, with the aim of having the measures withdrawn. Norway has not reversed its decision.

1. What action have the Commission and EEAS taken to find a mutually satisfactory solution?
2. In light of other recently concluded negotiations with Norway, such as the fish trade protocol (2016/0052(NLE)), what precise requirements and measures have the Commission and EEAS taken to address the Norwegian ad valorem duties?
3. Are the Commission and EEAS convinced that the outcome of the separate negotiations is satisfactory?

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¹ OJ C 75, 26.2.2016, p. 118