

**Question for written answer P-005742/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Guaranteed free movement of goods in the EU

Last weekend (5 July 2014), a group of French farmers attacked Spanish lorries in Perpignan (France). The lorries were transporting fruit produced by Catalan farmers, and the attack was in reaction to the price crisis facing the fruit sector in France. French farmers blame Spanish farmers for causing this crisis.

This was not an isolated incident but the latest in a string of similar attacks in recent years, jeopardising the stability of the Spanish fruit sector. Such incidents also represent a clear violation of the free movement of goods between EU Member States.

What view does the Commission take of such incidents? Does the Commission believe that the treaty provisions on the free movement of goods are being violated?

What steps can the Commission take to guarantee Spanish farmers' rights in respect of the free movement of goods?