

**Question for written answer P-006250/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: State of the fruit market

Catalonia, along with several other EU Member States such as Greece and Italy, is currently experiencing serious disruptions to the fruit market, particularly in the case of peaches and nectarines.

Data provided by Mercolleida indicates that prices during the first five weeks of the current season dropped by between 42 % and 66 % compared with last year. As a result, producers are being forced to sell at prices which fail to cover their production costs, which is having a serious impact on local and regional markets.

In light of this situation and bearing in mind the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, this Member would like to know:

1. Whether the Commission intends to recognise and apply to the current fruit season the provisions contained in the above Regulation establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products to correct situations, such as the present one, involving severe disturbance of the market?
2. Whether the mechanisms to correct situations of severe market disturbance will be revised, so that they are able to respond more swiftly and decisively to particularly serious conditions such as those described above?