

**Question for written answer P-008637/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Deadlines for the submission of applications for compensation for damage caused by the earthquake in Emilia-Romagna in 2012

Just a few months after the expiry of the deadline for the submission of applications concerning the above-mentioned claims for compensation, many people who suffered damage in the 2012 earthquake have been unable to complete the required documentation, partly because of subsequent natural disasters that have occurred in the same region.

Farmers and agricultural operators in particular have been having difficulties in meeting this requirement.

In view of the provisions of Commission Decision C (2012) 9471 and of the suspension of the extension imposed by Order No 71 of 17 October 2014 issued by the Emilia-Romagna region, and considering that the operators from certain sectors have benefited from a longer deadline, can the Commission say:

1. whether it is aware of the difficulties encountered by the operators in question, as described above;
2. whether it does not agree that, as a matter of urgency, the deadline for the submission of these applications should be extended, thus ensuring there is no unequal treatment as compared with other sectors which have already received similar extensions?