

**Question for written answer P-000186/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: 'Lisbonisation' of the rules on fruit and vegetable producer organisations

With a view to 'Lisbonising' and simplifying EU legislation, the Commission is currently drafting a delegated regulation on fruit and vegetables to set out new rules on fruit and vegetable producer organisations under the new common organisation of the market. As part of this review, the Commission will not only carry out a legal update of existing texts, but also modify substantive elements of the legislation.

Spanish cooperatives are greatly concerned by the new demands on producer organisations, such as the obligation to outsource some of their common practices, which would create many obstacles (e.g. in obtaining distribution contracts in third countries), as well as the new environmental requirements that seem disproportionate given that the fruit and vegetable sector has long been complying with very stringent environmental obligations.

Can the Commission explain the reasons for these changes? Has the Commission studied their impact on the operation and viability of existing organisations? Is any transitional period planned?