

**Question for written answer P-009492/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact of CETA on the EU's agri-food sector

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the EU raises serious concerns among the European public, in particular among consumers and farmers. One complaint often made against CETA is that its entry into force would lead to the gradual disappearance of small-scale family farming from our continent. It has been pointed out that trade liberalisation in the area of agricultural production would lead to the collapse of small EU farms, which will be unable to compete with huge Canadian farms. Another complaint that is raised is that CETA will open the European market up to genetically modified food from Canada, which is one of the largest global producers of GM foods, and will lead to a drop in quality standards.

Given these concerns, which are often brought to my attention by a variety of stakeholders in my capacity as Member of the European Parliament, I should like to put the following questions to the Commission:

On the basis of the information available to the Commission, will the entry into force of CETA:

1. Have a negative impact on small-scale farms in the EU? If so, to what degree?
2. Lead to the opening of the European market to genetically modified food from Canada?
3. Lower food quality standards on the European market?