

**Question for written answer P-004599/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Exceptional measures for producers affected by the Russian ban beyond 2018

Last week, Russia formally extended until 31 December 2018 the ban on fresh produce from the European Union, including fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and dairy products.

At the same time, the Commission, by delegated act, confirmed that the extension from 1 July 2017 to the end of June 2018 of exceptional support for fruit growers affected by the ban would be final.

Many farmers have been kept in a state of uncertainty since 2014. Although the Spanish sectors affected are to receive EUR 26.9 million in aid to offset the effects of the ban, this situation and the exceptional nature of measures taken by the Commission is preventing them from making any sales projections worthy of the name beyond 2018. In view of this:

Does the Commissioner responsible intend to reconsider his decision to end this assistance next June, following the announced extension of the Russian ban up to the end of 2018?