

**Question for written answer P-007664/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cane sugar and current free trade negotiations

1. With the end of sugar beet quotas in October 2017, is the Commission clear that the WTO export limit on sugar will also end, and is the EU therefore free to export as much sugar as it wishes?
2. How does the Commission reconcile this one way flow of trade, in which there are no limits on EU exports of sugar but heavy restrictions on imports of raw cane sugar?
3. Will the Commission seize the opportunity presented by the Mexico and Mercosur trade negotiations to partially reconcile the freedom to export with the freedom to import, by opening up the EU market to cane sugar imports at zero duty?