

**Question for written answer P-000526/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Storage of powdered milk and food donation

On Monday, 29 January 2018, the Council of the European Union decided stop the Member State purchase and storage of powdered milk that began in 2015 as a response to the crisis in the dairy sector.

Milk powder is a perishable product. If the stocks are not run down rapidly, the Commission will be forced to destroy them, which would be unacceptable for European citizens.

The milk powder has been stored in massive quantities – the current total is 380 000 tons – that are to be sold on in future, pursuant to a Commission decision. Selling those stocks would give rise to major distortions of the market, which has only just got back on its feet following the serious crisis of 2015.

1. How long does the Commission have before the stocks perish?
2. Does the Commission have the option of disposing of the stocks in a different way, such as by donating them to food aid organisations via the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), for example?