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to the Commission

Subject: Internal market

The main French farming organisations, the FNSEA and 'Young Farmers' have threatened wholesale distribution in that country, demanding that French fruit be sold and no Spanish products be purchased. Inter alia, they are monitoring sales outlets in France to ascertain that their demands are being met.

As a consequence of these measures, wholesale prices, especially for peaches and nectarines, have fallen 30% compared with last year, causing the sector enormous losses.

Is the Commission aware of this situation?

What steps will be taken to put an end to this problem? Within what timescale?

How will Spanish producers be compensated, in view of the fact that French farmers take some action of this kind nearly every year?