

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3301/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Ukrainian wheat

As a result of the Council meeting of 15 July 2002, the option of taking into account the official price of common wheat in Odessa for certain fodder varieties was definitively dropped. These kinds of wheat are therefore now worth \$ 75 per tonne, whilst US wheat, which serves as the basis for calculating import duty, is \$ 110 per tonne. If no action is taken, Ukrainian wheat will continue to enter the Union at extremely competitive prices, i.e. \$ 45 less.

In view of this worrying situation, what steps will the Commission take to introduce, as a matter of the greatest urgency, adequate and necessary measures to re-establish Community preference?