

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1581/03  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Review of the CAP - impact assessment on agriculture in the outermost regions

The discussions on the mid-term review of the Common agricultural policy are of vital importance for agriculture in the outermost regions.

However, this review has been launched without any prior impact assessment on agriculture in these regions having been conducted.

This runs contrary to the undertakings given by the Commission which, in its report of 14 March 2000 on the implementation of Article 299(2) of the Treaty of Amsterdam (COM(200) 147 final), stated that when considering any new Community legislation, it would 'first look at whether there are any issues affecting the outermost regions which require attention. In fact, in connection with each and every policy, consideration should be given to the possible implications, whether direct or indirect, positive or negative, for these regions.'

Could the Commission inform Parliament why it has not yet done this?