

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1646/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Application of the safeguard clause in respect of imports into the EU of tinned mandarin-orange segments from China

Last October I submitted a priority written question (P-2956/02¹) to the Commission on the application of the safeguard clause in respect of the overwhelming increase in imports of tinned mandarin-orange segments from China.

In its answer the Commission indicated that it was waiting for the Spanish authorities to provide the necessary documentation since the information previously submitted did not meet the WTO's strict regulations.

Can the Commission confirm whether the Spanish authorities have already submitted all the relevant information requested?

If this is the case, what are the reasons preventing the Commission from taking the steps set out for such cases in Regulation (EC) 2201/96²?

¹ OJ C

² OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.