

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1920/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Imports of preserved mandarin segments from China

On 5 June 2002, because of massive imports of preserved mandarin segments from the People's Republic of China, Spain urgently requested application of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96<sup>1</sup>, in particular Article 22 thereof concerning the safeguard clause in the event of the Community market being disturbed by imports.

If the Commission considered its application dubious, because of China's entry into the WTO or for some other reason, can it say:

- why it did not apply the measures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 3285/94<sup>2</sup> establishing common rules for imports, after receiving all the relevant reports from the Spanish Government, the latest in March 2003;
- why it did not apply Council Regulation (EC) No 427/2003<sup>3</sup> on a transitional product-specific safeguard mechanism for imports originating in the People's Republic of China?

The Community market in mandarin segments, originating almost exclusively in Spain, is being irreversibly damaged and seriously disturbed. When does the Commission envisage adopting measures to protect its own market?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 53.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 65, 8.3.2003, p.1.