

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1921/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Preserved mandarin segments from China

The enormous increase in imports of preserved mandarin segments from China has seriously upset the Community market, whose mandarin segment production is located almost exclusively in Spain and fell by 36% between the 1998/1999 and 2001/2002 marketing years.

Bearing in mind the safeguard clause in Article 22 of Council Regulation (EC) 2201/96¹ which states that if the Community market is seriously disturbed by imports the Commission shall, at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative, decide upon the necessary measures within three working days following receipt of the request.

Why has the Commission not adopted any measure, in view of the serious situation there has been since 5 June 2002, when the Spanish Government urgently requested implementation of such measures?

Why has the Commission not adopted any measures on its own initiative?

¹ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.