

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2674/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Application of the safeguard clause in respect of EU imports of tinned satsuma segments from China

In its recent reply to my Question E-1646/03<sup>1</sup>, the Commission recognised the urgent nature of the request that the safeguard clause be applied to tinned satsuma segments from China, and stated that it was 'currently' [actualmente] in receipt of a request from the Spanish Government, complete with all requisite documentation.

Given that Spain requested the application of the clause at the beginning of June 2002, and that, in November 2002, the Commission's reply to my Question P-2956/02<sup>2</sup> justified its inactivity by the fact that the file submitted by the Spanish authorities was not rigorous enough, it appears to me that the sector affected has a right to know the real reasons for the delay of over a year in dealing with this request.

In July 2003, the Commission used the term 'currently' [actualmente]. Will the Commission state on what exact date the Spanish authorities forwarded adequate information as to the nature and scale of the disruption being caused to sales, and the seriousness of the impact this is having on the Community producers affected, as demanded by WTO rules?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 161 E, 10.7.2003, p. 55