

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0619/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Damage caused by extreme weather conditions in Greece

Heavy snowfall and exceptionally low temperatures have caused widespread serious and damage to plant and stockbreeding production, to stocks of plants and animals and to agricultural installations (greenhouses, livestock housing, etc.) in many parts of Greece.

Given that producers' incomes and the means of production have been very badly affected, will the Commission say:

1. Will it fund actions to compensate producers for loss of income and the replacement of the means of productions which have been affected?
2. What scope is there for using funds from the Operational Programme on agricultural development 2000-2006 or reserves from the third CSF?
3. Will it approve a national programme for granting aid, if requested to do so by Greece?