

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1256/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Caribbean rum

The ACP-EU Joint Declaration on rum in Article XXV of the Cotonou Convention states: 'The Community undertakes to ensure fair competition in the Community market and that ACP rum is not disadvantaged or discriminated against in the EU market, in relation to third country producers.'

In the light of the trade negotiations with Mercosur, what assurance can the Commission give that this principle will be upheld and that Caribbean rum producers will not be adversely affected?