

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1665/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Reform of the COM in sugar

The reform of the Common Organisation of the Market in sugar, approved by the Council in February 2006, provides for the disappearance as of 2009 of the 'intervention price' system, which will be replaced with that of the 'reference price'.

It is important to be able to understand both the essential difference between these two concepts and the implications of such a change.

Can the Commission say exactly what the difference is between a 'reference price' and an 'intervention price', and what the precise mechanisms for determining the price of sugar will be as of 2009?