

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5104/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Urgent need for increased milk quotas

The milk sector is very important for European agriculture as it accounts for 14% of agricultural output and so is the foremost single-product sector in terms of value.

Unfortunately, European producers currently have no certainty as regards the way the sector will be regulated after the forthcoming CAP reform, and whether or not the milk quota system will be retained after 31 March 2015.

Recently, milk prices have reached 44 - 45 cents a litre, and in some areas as much as 50 cents a litre.

CAP objectives include redressing imbalances in the dairy products market and providing stability and decent future prospects for producers and workers in the dairy sector.

In view of the foregoing:

Does the Commission consider that it should, as a matter of urgency, take steps to increase milk quotas as a means of addressing prices?

Does the Commission consider that, to achieve the above-mentioned objective, any temporary increase in quotas should be of the order of 2% or more?