

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3037/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Illegal milk marketing in Spain

On 12 May 2008, the Spanish daily *El País* reported on illegal milk marketing, which has been going on in Spain for years. Additional marketing of around 1.2 billion litres of milk means that the EU has suffered damage amounting to some EUR 250 million.

- Was the Commission aware of this practice which, according to the newspaper, was carried out from 1995 to 2007?
- If not, why not?
- When did the Commission find out about this?
- What measures has the Commission taken against Spain in order to stop this deceitful practice, and what is it doing in order to prevent it happening elsewhere in the EU?
- What sanctions will be imposed on Spain?