

WRITTEN QUESTION E-7030/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Dairy products

Does the Commission accept that in light of the downward spiral of dairy products on the world market, and the impact this is having on producer prices across the European Union, there is a need for corrective action to be taken to establish a floor in the market, with history showing that export refunds best serve this purpose? Furthermore, does the Commission accept that in light of the very exceptional market situation, action to stabilise market conditions should be taken before we discover that intervention ceilings set for butter and skimmed milk powder are woefully inadequate when intervention re-opens in March?