

**Question for written answer E-010387/2011
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Seed potatoes

In January 2010, 1000.5 tonnes of County Down seed potatoes were rejected at a Moroccan port.

The Commission previously reported that it would discuss the issue with the competent Moroccan authorities.

What discussions took place, and what progress was made? What conclusions were drawn? Is the Commission aware of other instances in which exports from EU Member States experienced similar rejections? Has the Commission discussed other such rejections with the Moroccan authorities? Is any compensation available at EU level for those who have experienced such difficulties?

Could such action be seen as a breach of Article 5(5) of the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)?