

**Question for written answer E-006553/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Blight imported in citric fruit

In 2012, the European Union intercepted 35 consignments of citric fruit from South Africa contaminated with blight of one kind or another. In 29 of these cases the blight concerned was *Guignardia citricarpa* (citrus black spot). The Commission, aware of the gravity of this problem, notified the South African authorities on 1 November 2012 of its intention to take action should traces of blight of some kind be detected in a further five consignments.

How many cases of blight have been detected since then in consignments of citric fruit sent from South Africa to the European Union? Could the Commission give details of the content and scope of the measures it would adopt in the event that South Africa exceeds the limit set for consignments contaminated with blight?