

**Question for written answer E-008004/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Imports of tomatoes from Morocco

According to professional bodies in the EU, imports of tomatoes from Morocco have been a source of tension in the Community market in recent years. Last year Morocco again exceeded the preferential import quotas enshrined in its agreement with the EU. The Commission has tightened compliance checks on the entry prices of fruit and vegetables from third countries in an effort to prevent the kinds of irregularities detected in previous years, particularly as regards imports of Moroccan tomatoes. The CAP reform also provides for additional changes to the current import arrangements.

Can the Commission put a precise figure on the volume of imports of tomatoes from Morocco in the 2012-2013 season?

Can it say whether the imports have been priced according to the entry prices laid down for the preferential quota and whether the duties applicable to imports covered under and falling outside the quota for last year have been paid?

How does it think the changes to the entry price arrangements will affect imports of tomatoes from Morocco?