

**Question for written answer E-002082/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Impact of the Nairobi WTO agreements on EU sugar market policy

1. Has a derogation been approved under which sugar export subsidies can still be paid until the end of the 2016/17 marketing year, i.e. until 30 September 2017?
2. In 2008, payment of sugar export subsidies by the EU was suspended under Regulation (EU) No 947/2008. Under what circumstances would the Commission pay sugar export subsidies, and, if it intends to retain the production levy until the end of the 2016/17 marketing year, how can it justify this decision and the burden it continues to impose on sugar producers?
3. Can the Commission confirm that, following the most recent WTO decisions, it is now no longer necessary to set aside funds in the EU budget specifically for the common organisation of the sugar market and that there is therefore no longer any basis for charging a production levy of EUR 12 per tonne of quota sugar?