

Question for written answer E-002177/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Broadening the scope of the customs union with Turkey

The EU and Turkey have agreed to review the long-standing customs union agreement between them and to extend it into new areas. The Commission has apparently agreed on a road map for broadening the agreement's scope to cover services, public procurement and a wide range of agricultural products, including unprocessed products.

Farming has already been extremely hard hit by a string of EU policies that appear to favour competitors from outside the EU and multinationals, when what they should be doing is to protect the EU farming industry and the jobs it provides.

- What agricultural products and sectors are likely to be affected by the extension of the customs union?
- How much economic and other damage is the EU farming industry likely to suffer as a result of the new arrangements?
- How many farming-related jobs are likely to be lost?