

**Question for written answer E-000809/2017/rev.2
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU health and food safety inspections in Western Sahara

In her answer to Written Question E-004000/2016, the Vice-President/High Representative stated that three of the four audits planned in Morocco in 2016 by the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) had been postponed and that the remaining audit (2016-8915) would not visit the Sahrawi-occupied territories.

On 21 December 2016, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruled, in case C-104/16 P – Council v Front Polisario, that the Association and Liberalisation Agreements concluded between the EU and Morocco are not applicable to Western Sahara.

According to DG SANTE's website, four audits have been planned in Morocco in 2017 (2017-6227; 2017-6220; 2017-6190; 2017-6128).

Can the Commission confirm that, in accordance with the findings of the ECJ in case C-104/16 P, the Health and Food Audits and Analysis service will not visit Moroccan infrastructures or other Moroccan entities located in the Sahrawi-occupied territories?

Can it clarify which national authorities it considers competent to deliver the food and safety certificates for products originating in Western Sahara, as required under EU legislation?

[Question supported by Members other than the author(s)¹]

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