

**Question for written answer E-007453/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Support measures for European fruit and vegetable producers affected by the Russian embargo

On 17 March 2014, the European Union began imposing sanctions against the Russian Federation for its 'interference' in the Ukrainian crisis of 2013-2014 and its annexation of Crimea. In response to these sanctions, on 6 August 2014 the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, declared an embargo on most food products coming from the EU. This move has hit European fruit and vegetable producers particularly hard. Over the past three years, the Commission has taken action to help protect these producers from the effects of the embargo. At the present time, there is no political indication to suggest that the restrictions will be lifted in the near future.

Against this backdrop, what support measures are planned to help European fruit and vegetable producers in the face of the continuing Russian embargo?