

**Question for written answer E-000478/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Impact of Prespes Agreement on trademarks and company names in northern Greece

The 'Prespes Agreement' between Athens and Skopje concerning relations between Greece and FYROM has been proving a major headache for producers and exporters in northern Greece, mainly in connection with agri-food trademarks or companies whose names contain 'Macedonia', or 'Macedonian' and which have establishments abroad. According to the Association of Exporters of Northern Greece (AENG), Greek producers and distributors have been marketing Macedonian-labelled products such as Florina peppers, green peppers, copper and a number of wines, thereby endowing them with this particular cachet.

In view of this:

Is the Commission aware of this problem? If so, what view does it take of the matter?

How can it help to safeguard and protect trademarks used by European producers in northern Greece?