Question for written answer E-003219/2019 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Brexit, the trade war and the economic impact on Navarra

A possible withdrawal of the UK from the EU could cut agri-food exports from Navarra to the UK by EUR 186 million, or 42.1% of the total value of such exports in 2018.

Moreover, the levying of a 25% tariff on exports to the United States poses a serious threat to agrifood businesses in Navarra which, according to some estimates, stand to lose around EUR 7.9 million. Navarra could therefore lose EUR 194 million as a result of Brexit and the United States tariffs.

- 1. What does the Commission intend to do to minimise the impact of Brexit and the increase in tariffs in the agri-food sector?
- 2. Does the Commission intend to strengthen the CAP and rethink aid distribution mechanisms so that regions such as Navarra are not affected by current political and trade-related events?
- 3. Will the EU's bid to exert its political independence have repercussions or fail in the face of Trump's trade war? Is the HR/VP going to work to achieve such independence in order to ensure that Trump plays by the rules and to secure other fair trade deals?