

**Question for written answer E-006944/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Massive milk imports

The National Statistics Institute has reported an increase in raw milk imports of around 43% in the first half of the year, while the quantity of milk supplied by farms and collection centres for processing is 0.7% down on the previous year over the same period.

This situation is giving particular cause for concern, with Romanian dairies being undercut by uncontrolled imports of cheap milk and further hemmed in by high production costs and a lack of market outlets. While stocks of cheese produced by Romanian farmers are piling up, the market is being flooded by imports of low-quality cheese, most of which is fake.

In view of this, what instruments does the Commission have at its disposal to support domestic cheese producers and encourage the consumption of local produce?